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IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 12, 1874.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, the twelfth day of January, 1874, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., by order of His Honor the Mayor, for the purpose of the organization of the Board for the present municipal year. Hon. Samuel C. Cobb, President of the Board in the Chair.

At the request of the President, prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Lothrop. Prayer.

Upon motion of Mr. Brown, the Chair appointed a committee of three to collect the certificates of the newly elected members, consisting of Messrs. Brown, W. T. Adams and Neal. Certificates of Election.

The committee proceeded, and afterwards reported the names of the persons from the various wards whose certificates they had received, with the terms respectively for which they were elected, as follows: For one year, — Ward 17, Albert H. Chapman, Francis B. Beaumont. Ward 19, Joseph Bennett. Ward 20, Retire H. Parker. Ward 21, William H. Finney. Ward 22, Charles E. Daniels. For two years, — Ward 14, John Kneeland, in place of P. O'Meara Edson, resigned. Ward 17, George S. Frost, Pelatiah R. Tripp. Ward 19, Charles H. B. Breck. Ward 20, James F. Southworth. Ward 21, Nahum Chapin. Ward 22, George H. Marden. For three years, — Ward 1, Henry S. Washburn, George H. Plummer. Ward 2, John W. Frazer, William J. Porter. Ward 3, Orran G. Cilley, William C. Williamson. Ward 4, A. Kendall Tilden, Report of committee.

George Fabyan. Ward 5, John P. Ordway, David J. O'Connor. Ward 6, Joseph Willard, Abby W. May. Ward 7, Joseph D. Fallon, Richard J. Fennelly. Ward 8, Henry P. Shattuck, Francis Hayden. Ward 9, John C. J. Brown. Ward 10, Joseph H. Gray. Ward 12, Francis H. Underwood, Warren P. Adams. Ward 13, Franklin Williams, Joseph A. Tucker. Ward 14, Lucia M. Peabody, C. Edwin Miles. Ward 15, Charles K. Dillaway, Edward Wise. Ward 16, Frederick P. Moseley, James S. Greene. Ward 17, Dan S. Smalley, John E. Blakemore. Ward 19, Michael Norton. Ward 20, James A. McDonald. Ward 21, George B. Neal. Ward 22, Edwin H. Darling.

Division of the question

The question being upon accepting the report of the committee, Mr. Toland moved, and it was voted to divide the question, in order to take the question separately upon so much of the report as related to the certificates of the two women elected as members of the Board. The report was then accepted, excepting the portion relating to the said certificates.

The question then being upon the acceptance of the remainder of the report, Mr. Toland called for the reading of the City Solicitor's opinion, referred to this Board from the Board of last year, and the opinion was read.

Mr. Allen, of Ward 14, then offered the following:—

Women not legally elected, etc., etc.

Whereas, It is the duty of this Board to follow the law as laid down by the law officer of the city in matters which are not otherwise legally decided; therefore,

Resolved, That the four women — viz., Abby W. May, of Ward Six; Ann Adeline Badger, of Ward Nine; Lucretia Crocker, of Ward Eleven; and Lucia M. Peabody, of Ward Fourteen; — who have been elected by said wards respectively to be members of this Board,

are not legally elected, and are legally disqualified from attending to the duties of members of the School Committee; and that their seats are hereby declared to be vacant.

The Chair ruled the resolve to be not in order at this time. Subsequently the preamble and resolve were referred to the Committee on Elections, on motion of Mr. Allen, of Ward 14.

Upon the question before the Board, — the acceptance of the remainder of the report, — Mr. Williams moved, and it was voted, to take the yeas and nays; and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 1, Baldwin, Beaumont, Beckley, Blakemore, Brown, Campbell, Carty, Chaney, Chapin, Cilley, Connor, Cruft, Curtis, Cushing, Daniels, Darling, Deblois, Dillaway, Dunn, Dunning, Fabyan, Fennelly, Filkins, Finney, Fitzgerald, Flint, Foster, Fraser, Frost, Hayden, Hutchins, Kneeland, Learnard, Leonard, Lothrop, Mahan, Marden, Mason, Miss May, Messrs. McDonough, McKendry, Merrill, Miles, Moseley, Murphy, Neal, Ordway, Parker, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Perkins, Peterson, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 2, Prescott, Quinn, Reed, Reynolds, Ricker, Seaverns, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Smalley, Southworth, Stedman, Thayer, Tilden, Tripp, Washburn, Willard, Williams, Williamson, Wilson and Woods. — 77.

Nays: Messrs. Allen, of Ward 14, Badger, Bennett, Breck, Colman, Fallon, Gray, Lloyd, McDonald, Means, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, Norton, Slade, Toland, Tucker, and Wentworth. — 17.

Seventy-seven members voted yea, and seventeen voted nay; so the report in the second part was accepted.

Secretary chosen.

Upon motion of Mr. Shattuck, the Chair appointed a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Shattuck, Prescott and Smalley, to collect the ballots for the choice of a secretary.

The committee proceeded, and reported as follows: — Whole number of ballots, 81. Barnard Capen had 75; and four other parties had six votes. Mr. Capen was accordingly declared elected.

Salary of secretary.

Upon motion of Mr. Mason, the salary of the secretary for the present year was fixed at $2,000.

Upon motion of Mr. Flint: —

Schools in W. Roxbury, Brighton, and Charlestown; Committee of inquiry.

Ordered, That a committee of seven be appointed by the President to inquire into the present condition and organization of the schools of Wards 17, 19, 20, 21, and 22, formerly the towns of West Roxbury, Brighton, and the city of Charlestown, and report to this Board the best plan of bringing them gradually into harmony with the public-school system of this city.

The Chair subsequently appointed as the committee Messrs. Flint, Stedman, Shurtleff, Learnard, Finney, Norton, and Smalley.

Adjournment.

Upon motion of Mr. Reynolds, the Board voted that when it adjourn it be to Tuesday, the 27th inst., at half past seven o'clock, P.M.

Upon motion of Mr. Wentworth: —

Rules and Regulati'ns adopted.

Ordered, That the Rules of the School Committee and Regulations of the Public Schools of the last year be adopted as the rules and regulations for the present year, until otherwise ordered.

Standing committees appointed.

The Chair then appointed the committees of the Board for the year, as follows: —

Elections. — Messrs. Willard, Curtis, Peterson, Fitzgerald, Williamson, Gray, Wise.

Rules and Regulations. — Messrs. Mason, Fogg, Shurtleff, Fraser, Baldwin, Seaverns, Kneeland.

Salaries. — Messrs. Brown, Washburn, William T. Adams, Connor, Gray, Marden, Plummer.

Accounts. — Messrs. Merrill, Learnard, Ricker, Slade, W. P. Adams, Stedman, Prescott.

Text Books. — Messrs. Lothrop, Hutchins, Wentworth, Cushing, Palmer, Flint, Finney.

School Houses and School Sections. — Messrs. Tucker, Noble, Jno. W. Porter, Toland, Foster, Chapin, Kinsley.

Music. — Messrs. Ordway, W. P. Adams, Flint, Merrill, Perkins, Neal, Jas. Reed.

Printing. — Messrs. Rankin, Tucker, Wilson, O'Kane, Norton, Tilden, McDonough.

Vocal and Physical Culture and Military Drill. — Messrs. Slade, Shattuck, Woods, Filkins, Fabyan, Williams, Tripp.

Drawing. — Messrs. Perkins, Brown, Jas. Morse, Foster, Underwood, Merrill, Parker.

Evening Schools. — Messrs. Curtis, Ricker, Fogg, Baldwin, Waldock, W. S. Allen, McKendry.

Schools for Licensed Minors. — Messrs. Cruft, Fennelly, Deblois, Moran, Tilden.

School for Deaf Mutes. — Messrs. Ira Allen, Washburn, Cruft, Slade, Stedman, Learnard, Miss Crocker.

Kindergarten School. — Messrs. Baldwin, Curtis, Shattuck, Reynolds, Jno. W. Porter, Wm. Reed, Miss May.

Industrial Schools. — Messrs. Lothrop, Curtis, Shurtleff, Wm. T. Adams, Dillaway, Mrs. Badger, Miss Peabody.

Latin School. — Messrs. Washburn, Moran, Williamson, Shurtleff, Ordway, Jas. Reed, Fallon, Foster, Reynolds, Wright, Cruft, Thayer, Tucker, Kneeland, Emery,

W. T. Adams, Chapman, Norton, McDonald, Neal, Darling.

English High School. — Messrs. Noble, Badger, McDonough, Tilden, Maguire, Lothrop, Toland, Woods, Prescott, Mason, Kinsley, J. H. Allen, Jas. Morse, Ira Allen, Waldock, Moseley, Beaumont, Bennett, Southworth, Chapin, Marden.

Girls' High School. — Messrs. W. S. Allen, Ricker, Wentworth, Beckley, Rankin, Perkins, Fitzgerald, Shattuck, Hutchins, Flint, Deblois, W. P. Adams, E. G. Morse, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Dillaway, Cushing, Smalley, Breck, Parker, Finney, Daniels.

Normal School. — Messrs. Hutchins, Noble, Merrill, Learnard, Ordway, Thayer, Kneeland.

Roxbury High School. — Messrs. Plummer, Wm. J. Porter, Slade, Fabyan, Colman, Curtis, Fitzgerald, Chaney, Prescott, Wm. Read, Learnard, Fogg, Tucker, Ira Allen, Dunning, Wm. T. Adams, Frost, Breck, Parker, Finney, Daniels.

Dorchester High School. — Messrs. W. T. Adams, Jno. W. Porter, McKendry, Cushing, Shurtleff, Means, Moseley.

Adams School District. — Messrs. Plummer, Campbell, Washburn, Noble, Peterson, W. S. Allen, Dunn.

Andrew School District. — Messrs. J. H. Allen, W. P. Adams, Underwood, Thayer, Fogg, Connor, Toland, Moseley.

Bigelow School District. — Messrs. W. P. Adams, Underwood, Connor, Fennelly, J. H. Allen, Wilson, Toland, Thayer, Fallon.

Bowditch School District. — Messrs. Ordway, Colman, Reynolds, Wm. T. Adams, Maguire, Rankin, Fennelly, Leonard, Fraser, Murphy, O'Connor.

Bowdoin School District. — Messrs. Curtis, Beckley,

Jas. Reed, Palmer, Wentworth, Quinn, Dunn, Fabyan, Williamson, Miss May.

Brimmer School District. — Messrs. Brown, Prescott, Hutchins, Woods, Willard, Shattuck, Cruft, Chaney, Filkins, Murphy, Hayden.

Chapman School District. — Messrs. W. S. Allen, Dunn, Noble, Washburn, Peterson, Plummer, Campbell.

Comins School District. — Messrs. Dillaway, Seaverns, Jas. Morse, Waldock, Emery, Dunning, O'Kane, Carty, Williams, Miles, Wise.

Dearborn School District. — Messrs. Jas. Morse, Ira Allen, Means, Tucker, Emery, Lloyd, Seaverns, Carty, E. G. Morse, Williams, Kneeland.

Dorchester — Everett School District. — Messrs. Moseley, Cushing, Willard, Shurtleff, Greene.

Dwight School District. — Messrs. Learnard, Deblois, Merrill, Mason, Baldwin, Jno. W. Porter, Cruft, Chaney, Gray, Miss Crocker, Mr. Kinsley.

Eliot School District. — Messrs. Ricker, W. J. Porter, Badger, Slade, Fraser, McDonough, Shurtleff, Moran, Mahan, Cilley.

Everett School District. — Messrs. Deblois, Learnard, Merrill, Mason, Baldwin, Cruft, Miss Crocker, Mr. Kinsley, Mr. Wright.

Franklin School District. — Messrs. Stedman, Deblois, Learnard, Hutchins, Flint, Baldwin, McKendry, William Read, Mrs. Badger, Mr. Gray, Mr. Wright.

Gaston School District. — Messrs. Underwood, Thayer, Leonard, Fogg, W. P. Adams, Wilson, J. H. Allen, Fennelly.

Gibson chool District. — Messrs. Cushing, Moseley, Willard, Shurtleff, Greene.

Hancock School District. — Messrs. Slade, McDon-

ough, Ricker, Badger, Fraser, W. J. Porter, Perkins, Moran, Mahan, Dunn, Beckley.

Harris School District. — Messrs. Wm. T. Adams, John W. Porter, McKendry, Brown, W. S. Allen.

Lawrence School District. — Messrs. Toland, W. P. Adams, Connor, Fogg, Fitzgerald, Fennelly, Thayer, Leonard, Fallon.

Lewis School District. — Messrs. Seaverns, E. G. Morse, Tucker, Dillaway, Lloyd, Moseley, O'Kane, Miss Peabody, Mr. Kneeland, Mr. Miles.

Lincoln School District. — Messrs. Thayer, Leonard, Underwood, Fogg, W. P. Adams, Wilson, J. H. Allen, Fennelly.

Lyman School District. — Messrs. Washburn, Peterson, Noble, Plummer, W. S. Allen, Campbell, Ricker.

Mather School District. — Messrs. Cushing, Moseley, Shurtleff, Willard, Greene.

Mayhew School District. — Messrs. Wentworth, Slade, W. J. Porter, Palmer, Rankin, Tilden, Beckley, Mahan, Cilley.

Minot School District. — Messrs. J. W. Porter, W. T. Adams, McKendry, Brown, W. S. Allen.

Norcross School District. — Messrs. Connor, Fennelly, Fogg, Wilson, Fitzgerald, W. P. Adams, Toland, Thayer, Underwood, Fallon.

Phillips School District. — Messrs. Jas. Reed, Lothrop, Curtis, Willard, Shurtleff, Tilden, Quinn, Beckley, Dunn, Fabyan.

Prescott School District. — Messrs. Noble, Fraser, Washburn, Plummer, W. S. Allen, Peterson, Campbell.

Quincy School District. — Messrs. Fitzgerald, Rankin, Woods, Shattuck, Reynolds, Ordway, Maguire, Murphy, Leonard, Foster, Colman, Chaney, Hayden.

Rice School District. — Messrs. Flint, Prescott, Mer-

rill, Brown, Hutchins, Mason, William Read, Filkins, Baldwin, Stedman, Wright.

Sherwin School District. — Messrs. Ira Allen, Means, Deblois, Tucker, Lloyd, Dunning, Carty, O'Kane, Miles, Kneeland, Wise.

Shurtleff School District. — Messrs. Fogg, J. H. Allen, Underwood, W. P. Adams, Thayer, Connor, Shurtleff, Wilson, Moseley, Fallon.

Stoughton School District. — Messrs. J. W. Porter, W. S. Allen, McKendry, W. T. Adams, Brown.

Tileston School District. — Messrs. McKendry, J. W. Porter, W. S. Allen, W. T. Adams, Brown.

Washington and Dudley School District. — Messrs. Dunning, Ira Allen, Means, Waldock, Dillaway, Seaverns, Emery, Miles, Miss Peabody, Mr. Kneeland.

Wells School District. — Messrs. McDonough, Shurtleff, Slade, Reed, Wentworth, Palmer, Tilden, Quinn, Williamson, Fabyan.

Winthrop School District. — Messrs. Shattuck, Woods, Brown, Reynolds, Ordway, Stedman, Maguire, Cruft, Palmer, Foster, Chaney, Filkins, Fitzgerald, O'Connor.

Charlestown High School. — Messrs. Neal, Finney, Marden, Parker, McDonald, Fabyan, Willard.

Charlestown — Harvard School District. — Messrs. Southworth, McDonald, Parker, Neal, Slade.

Warren School District. — Messrs. Finney, Parker, Daniels, Southworth, Ricker.

Charlestown — Prescott School District. — Messrs. Neal, Chapin, Marden, Darling, Campbell.

Bunker Hill School District. — Messrs. Daniels, Marden, Darling, McDonald, Cilley.

Charlestown — Winthrop School District. — Messrs. Chapin, Finney, Southworth, Parker, Mahan.

Brighton High School. — Messrs. Bennett, Breck, Norton, Ira Allen, Dillaway.

Brighton District. — Messrs. Norton, Bennett, Breck, O'Kane, Kneeland.

West-Roxbury High School. — Messrs. Smalley, Blakemore, Frost, Tripp, Chapman, Beaumont, Dunning.

West-Roxbury District. — Messrs. Blakemore, Smalley, Chapman, Frost, Tripp, Beaumont, E. G. Morse, Seaverns, Williams.

Mr. Plummer declines, and excused.

Mr. Plummer asked to be, and was, excused from the committee on the Roxbury High School.

The committees were then approved by the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Washburn: —

Text-books, courses of study, salaries. etc., in Wards 17, 19, 20 and 21.

Ordered, That in the seventeenth, nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first and twenty-second wards, the text-books, courses of study, salaries of teachers, and the office of Superintendent of Schools, remain as they now are until otherwise ordered.

Upon motion of Mr. Prescott: —

Rearranging of Grammar-School sections.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses and Grammar School Sections consider and report to this Board, as early as practicable, upon the expediency of rearranging the Grammar school sections, with a view of diminishing the school expenses, and surrendering to the City Council such Grammar and Primary school buildings as can be dispensed with for school purposes; and that the committee be authorized to report in print.

Mr. Merrill offered the following: —

Clerk-hire in office of the secretary.

Ordered, That the Committee on Acounts be empowered to expend five hundred dollars for clerk-hire in the office of the secretary of this Board the current year. Referred, with full powers, to the Committee on Accounts.

Upon motion of Mr. Merrill: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to employ the city messenger to act as messenger to this Board for the present municipal year, and that the compensation thereof be three hundred dollars. Messenger.

Upon motion of Mr. Hutchins: —

Ordered, That the secretary of the Board be instructed to prepare the usual Manual for the use of this Board, at the earliest practicable moment. Manual of the public schools.

Upon motion of Mr. Willard: —

Ordered, That the committee to prepare the annual report have leave to report in print. Annual report; committee to report in print.

Upon motion of Mr. Learnard: —

Voted, To refer the Rules of the School Committee and Regulations of the Public Schools, adopted this evening, to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to consider and report what changes are necessary to be made therein. Rules and regulations referred.

The Chair read a communication from George M. Hobbs, stating that he had reason to believe that errors were made in the count of ballots for the school committee from Ward 15, at the late municipal election, etc., and asking for a recount of the ballots for school committee for that ward. The communication was referred to the Committee on Elections. Communication from Geo. M. Hobbs. Recount of votes.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 27, 1874.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held, by adjournment, in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the twenty-seventh day of January, 1874, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., His Honor the Mayor, President of the Board, in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Badger, Beckley, Chaney, Colman, Emery, Fennelly, Fogg, Frost, Leonard, Lloyd, Maguire, Mahan, Marden, McKendry, Moran, Murphy, Parker, Plummer, Quinn, Read, of Ward 10, Shurtleff, Waldock, Wise, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The Chair read a communication from Henry C. Badger, requesting the Board to regard as vacant the chair which was to have been occupied by his wife. "The fact of her death, if it be a fact, may not for many weeks or months be ascertained. But possibly the authorities may be willing to act on my request to consider her chair vacant." Communication from Henry C. Badger.

Thereupon, Mr. Reynolds offered the following: —

Whereas, Ann Adeline Badger, who was duly elected a member of this body from Ward Nine, has not appeared to occupy that position; and, whereas, from information received from her nearest friends and relatives, it is probable that such appearance will not and cannot be made, — therefore, in accordance with the wishes of her family expressed to this Board; — Seat of Ann Adeline Badger declared vacant.

Resolved, That the seat of Ann Adeline Badger be and it is declared vacant.

The question was taken upon the resolve, and it was adopted.

Communication from trustees of Eliot School fund, in West Roxbury.

The Chair read a communication from the Trustees of the Eliot School, incorporated by statute in the year 1804, and having charge of a charitable fund given for educational purposes in that part of Ward 17 known as Jamaica Plain, — giving notice that the agreement now in force between said Trustees and the town of West Roxbury, whereby the town annually appropriated whatever was necessary for the support of the Eliot High School, so called, beyond the amount of the income of said fund, would expire Feb. 1, 1874; and that said Trustees proposed to resume possession of their brick school-house on Eliot street, occupied by the town for Primary school purposes.

On motion of Mr. Learnard the communication was referred to the committee appointed to inquire into the condition and organization of the schools in Wards 17, 19, 20, 21 and 22.

Teachers confirmed, etc.

The following teachers were confirmed: —

Eliot School District. — Rosa M. Reggio, a Primary teacher.

Franklin School District. — Ellen Forbush, a Primary teacher.

Hancock School District. — Kate Sennott, a Primary teacher.

Lincoln School District. — Sarah A. Curran, a Primary teacher.

Mayhew School District. — Susan A. Slavin, a Primary teacher.

Minot School. — Kate M. Adams, an assistant.

Phillips School District. — Evelyn E. Plummer, teacher of the school for special instruction.

Rice School District. — Annie R. Badlam, a Primary teacher.

Free Evening Drawing School. — A. W. Johnson, an assistant, commencing Nov. 17th.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

Andrew School District. — Adelaide E. H. Groso, an assistant, commencing Jan. 16th; and Alice L. Littlefield, a Primary teacher, commencing Nov. 10th.

Bowditch School District. — Mary J. Crothy, a Primary teacher, commencing Jan. 1st.

Comins School District. — Lillie E. Davis, as master's assistant, commencing Jan. 1st; promoted from an assistant. Kate M. Murphy, an assistant, promoted from a Primary teacher. Helen O. Wyman, a Primary teacher, commencing Jan. 1st. Mary J. Backup, a Primary teacher, commencing Jan. 1st. Elizabeth A. Colligan, a Primary teacher, commencing Jan. 1st.

Dorchester-Everett School District. — Henrietta A. Hills, commencing Nov. 20th.

Everett School District. — Clementine D. Grover, a Primary teacher, commencing Jan. 5th.

Hancock School District. — Amy E. Bradford, a head-assistant. commencing Jan. 1st. Ellen F. Sanders, commencing Nov. 11th, and Mary Bonney, commencing Jan. 1st.

Lincoln School District. — Mary A. H. Fuller, commencing Jan. 2d.

Quincy School. — Maria J. Mahoney, an assistant, commencing Jan. 19th.

Rice School District. — Elizabeth Burnham, teacher in the school for special instruction.

The resignations of the following teachers were presented and accepted: — Resignations.

Hancock School District. — Emily F. Fessenden, head-assistant, taking effect Nov. 10th, 1873; and Sarah L. Shepherd, a Primary teacher, taking effect Jan. 1st, 1874.

Lawrence School District. — M. E. Witherell, a Primary teacher, taking effect Jan. 1st.

Transfer.

Ellen M. S. Treadwell was transferred from the Bowditch School to the Minot School.

Upon motion of Mr. Allen, of Ward 12: —

Andrew School District; sub-master.

Ordered, That the Andrew District Committee nominate a sub-master for the Grammar School in said district, at the regular meeting of this board in March next.

Upon motion of Mr. Flint, the rules being suspended: —

Girls' High School; instruction in physical culture.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Girls' High School be authorized to employ Miss L. M. Grundberg to give instruction in physical culture for the term of three months, at an expense not exceeding two hundred dollars.

Upon motion of Mr. Reynolds: —

Order of business for this evening.

Ordered, That, after the report of the Committee on Elections has been heard and considered, motions, orders, and resolutions, from the several High School Committees and District Committees be for this evening the next item of business.

Reports of Com. on Elections. Certificates of election.

Mr. Willard, Chairman of the Committee on Elections, read the reports of that committee on the several matters referred to them: —

1. Upon the certificates of newly elected members referred to them at the last meeting, that the committee had duly examined the same, and found them correct in all particulars. Accepted.

Communication from George M. Hobbs; recount of votes.

2. Upon the communication of George M. Hobbs, asking for a recount of the ballots for School Committee from Ward 15, that the committee had attended to the duty assigned them, and they found that Messrs. Edward

Wise and Charles K. Dillaway received the highest number of votes, and that certificates of election were properly issued to them. Accepted.

3. Upon the preamble and resolve referred to the committee at the last meeting, to the effect that the women elected to be members of this Board are not legally elected, etc., etc. : — that the opinion of the City Solicitor is not controlling upon the action of this Board ; that the only express requirement of law for eligibility as a member of this Board is that contained in section 54 of the city charter, viz., that the person shall be an inhabitant of the ward in which the election takes place ; and that the committee are of the opinion that a woman is an inhabitant, within the meaning of that section, and can legally be elected as a member of this Board. The committee, therefore, reported that the resolve referred to them ought not to be adopted. Women not legally elected, etc.

The question being upon accepting the report, Mr. Means moved to substitute therefor the preamble and resolve, with an amendment to the preamble to make it read as follows : *Whereas*, the law officer of the city, whose opinion had been asked by the Board upon the question of the eligibility of women as members of the School Committee, has given an opinion adverse to such an election ; and an amendment to the resolve by striking out the word "four" in the first line, and inserting the word "three ;" and by striking out the words "Ann Adeline Badger, of Ward Nine."

The question was then, upon substitution, agreeably to the motion of Mr. Means.

Upon this motion, on motion of Mr. Kneeland, it was voted to take the yeas and nays ; and the yeas and nays were taken as follows : —

Yeas : Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 12, Beaumont, Bennett, Breck, Yeas and nays.

Chapin, Cilley, Daniels, Deblois, Dunn, Dunning, Fabyan, Fallon, Frazer, Gray, Hayden, Hutchins, Learnard, Lothrop, McDonald, Means, Miles, E. G. Morse, James Morse, Neal, Noble, Norton, O'Connor, O'Kane, Ordway, Palmer, Perkins, Porter, of Ward 2, Prescott, Rankin, Reed, of Ward 6, Reynolds, Ricker, Slade, Smalley, Toland, Tucker, Underwood, and Wentworth. — 45.

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, of Ward 1, Baldwin, Blakemore, Brown, Campbell, Carty, Chapman, Connor, Miss Crocker, Messrs. Cruft, Curtis, Cushing, Darling, Dillaway, Filkins, Finney, Fitzgerald, Flint, Greene, Kinsley, Kneeland, Mason, Miss May, Messrs. McDonough, Merrill, Moseley, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Peterson, Seaverns, Shattuck, Southworth, Stedman, Thayer, Tilden, Tripp, Washburn, Willard, Williams, Williamson, Wilson, Woods, and Wright. — 42.

Forty-five members voted yea, and forty-two members voted nay; and the motion to substitute was adopted.

The question was then upon adopting the preamble and resolve; upon which, on motion of Mr. Bennett, the yeas and nays were ordered, and were taken as follows: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 12, Beaumont, Bennett, Breck, Chapin, Cilley, Daniels, Deblois, Dunn, Dunning, Fabyan, Fallon, Filkins, Fraser, Gray, Hayden, Hutchins, Learnard, Lothrop, McDonald, Means, Miles, E. G. Morse, James Morse, Neal, Noble, Norton, O'Connor, O'Kane, Ordway, Palmer, Perkins, Porter, of Ward 2, Prescott, Rankin, Reed, of Ward 6, Reynolds, Ricker, Slade, Smalley, Toland, Tucker, Underwood, and Wentworth. — 46.

Nays: Messrs. Allen, of Ward 1, Baldwin, Blakemore, Brown, Carty, Chapman, Connor, Miss Crocker, Messrs. Cruft, Curtis, Cushing, Darling, Dillaway, Finney, Fitz-

gerald, Flint, Greene, Kinsley, Kneeland, Mason, Miss May, Messrs. McDonough, Merrill, Moseley, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Peterson, Seaverns, Shattuck, Southworth, Thayer, Tilden, Tripp, Washburn, Willard, Williams, Williamson, Wilson, Woods, and Wright. — 39.

Forty-six members voted yea, and thirty-nine members voted nay. So the preamble and resolve were adopted.

The following orders were offered, and were referred to the Committee on School-houses and School Sections.

1. Offered by Mr. Williams: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase more land for the better accommodation of the new Grammar School (the Lowell) on Centre street.

Lowell School; additional land.

2. Offered by Mr. Allen, of Ward 14. Referred with full powers: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to make alterations and improvements on the Roxbury High School-house, in accordance with the plan and specification adopted by the City Council of 1872; said plan now being in the hands of the Superintendent of Public Buildings of the city, to which reference is made for information.

Roxbury High School-house; alterations, etc.

3. Offered by Mr. Moseley: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to enlarge the Dorchester-Everett school-yard by purchase of a lot of vacant land adjoining said school-yard on the north side, and erect thereon a Grammar-school building.

Dorchester-Everett School; additional land, etc.

4. Offered by Mr. Seaverns: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional temporary accommodations for the Lewis School.

Lewis School; temporary accommodations.

5. Offered by Mr. Breck: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide temporary accommodations for the relief of the

Brighton District; temporary

accommodations.

Union street and Rockland Primary Schools, Brighton District.

6. Offered by Mr. Toland: —

Lawrence School District; accommodations.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish additional school accommodations in the Lawrence School District. Referred with full powers.

Charlestown-Winthrop School District; new school-house.

7. Offered by Mr. Chapin: —

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses and Grammar School Sections consider and report to this Board, at the regular monthly meeting to be held in February next, upon the expediency of requesting of the City Council a new and more commodious school-house to meet the wants of the present Charlestown-Winthrop School District.

Mr. Washburn offered the following orders, all of which were referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations: —

Regulations of the Latin School; amendments proposed.

1. *Ordered*, That the Rules and Regulations, Chapter XIV., Section 2, be amended by inserting in the second line, after the word "masters," the words "and sub-masters;" and by adding to the section at the end the following: — "the head-master, masters and sub-masters must be graduates of a college in good standing;" that, at the beginning of the second sentence of said section, instead of the words "next six years," the following be inserted: — "six years next succeeding the first of September, 1870."

2. *Ordered*, That in the Rules and Regulations, Chapter XIV., Section 3, there be inserted in the second line after the words "twelve years old," the following: — "and must bring certificate of good moral character from the principal of the last school which he attended;" and that the following words be added at the end of the section: — "The Latin School Committee may also establish pre-

paratory classes, in which thorough instruction in the several English branches shall be given, and in which elementary Latin shall be taught; boys to be not less than eight years old when admitted; the teacher or teachers to be allowed the salary of assistants in the Girls' High School; thirty-five scholars to constitute the maximum number in a room, with permission to appoint an additional teacher for each excess of twenty scholars. The conditions of admission to such classes shall be those laid down in Chapter XIII., Sect. 4, for admission to the Grammar Schools.

3. *Ordered*, That the Rules and Regulations, Chapter XIV., Sect. 4, be amended by adding to the section these words: "or in the concluding days of the summer term."

Mr. Lothrop offered the following: —

English High School; quorum of committee, etc.

Ordered, That, at the regular meetings of the Committee on the English High School, seven members shall constitute a quorum, except that in the election and nomination of teachers a majority shall be required to constitute a quorum. Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Maximum number in a Grammar school-room.

Mr. Shattuck and Mr. Ordway, chairmen respectively of the Winthrop and Bowditch School District Committees, offered orders in behalf of those committees, proposing that the regulations of the public schools be so amended that *forty-two* may hereafter be the maximum number of scholars allowed in each Grammar school-room. Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Breck offered the following order: —

Brighton District; writing, singing and text-books.

Ordered, That the writing, singing and text-books used in the Boston schools be introduced into the Grammar schools of the Brighton District as far as practicable.

Referred to the Committee on Text-books.

Salaries of instructors in schools in Brighton.

Mr. Merrill, from the Committee on Accounts, read a statement with respect to the salaries of the instructors in the schools in Brighton, and offered the following order: —

Ordered, That so much of the order, passed in this Board Jan. 13th, as relates to the payment of the salaries of the instructors in the schools of the nineteenth ward be suspended, and that the salaries of the instructors of the public schools of Charlestown, West Roxbury, and Brighton be referred to the Committee on Salaries, to report a grade of salaries for the teachers of those schools at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. Norton called for a division of the question.

The question was then as to adopting the first part of the order, relating to the payment of the salaries of the instructors in the schools in Brighton.

The subject was being considered, when, upon a count of the members present, it appeared that there was not a quorum of the Board present.

The meeting thereupon adjourned, on motion of Mr. Stedman.

Attest: BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

In School Committee, February 10, 1874.

A monthly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the tenth day of February, 1874, at half past seven o'clock, P. M. His Honor, the Mayor, President of the Board, in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Fogg, Maguire, Mahan, Moran, Porter, of Ward 2, Waldock, Wilson and Wise. Absent.

The Chair stated the business of the Board to be the matter which was before the Board when it adjourned at the last meeting, viz.: the question as to adopting the *first part* of the order offered by Mr. Merrill, relating to the payment of the salaries of the instructors in the schools in Brighton; and the question being taken thereon it was adopted. Salaries of instructors in schools in Brighton.

The question was then upon adopting the order in the *second part*.

Mr. Learnard moved to amend the order by striking out the words "earliest possible moment," and inserting the words "next meeting of the Board." The amendment passed; and then the order, as amended, was adopted.

The following teachers were confirmed: —

Comins School District. — Mary A. Clooney, a Primary teacher. Teachers confirmed, etc.

Dearborn School District. — Martha D. Chapman, head-assistant, and Katharine A. Mason, a Primary teacher.

Franklin School. — Roxanna W. Longley, an assistant.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation : —

Bigelow School. — J. Gardner Basset, as usher, commencing Jan. 26th.

Comins School District. — Helen Wyman, a Primary teacher, commencing Jan. 9th ; and Ella R. Cole and Susan G. B. Garland, Primary teachers, commencing Feb. 9th.

Dearborn School. — Josephine Kenniston, an assistant, commencing Feb. 2d.

Dwight School. — Henry L. Sawyer, an usher, commencing Feb. 3d.

Everett School District. — Florence M. Proctor, a Primary teacher, commencing Feb. 8th.

Lewis School. — H. A. Smith, an assistant, commencing Feb. 2d.

West Roxbury District. — Ella F. Howland, a Primary teacher, commencing Feb. 4th.

Evening Schools.

Evening Schools. — Mrs. Moulton, in Anderson street.

The resignations of the following teachers were presented and accepted : —

Andrew School. — Mary L. Kinne, to take effect Jan. 31st.

Brimmer School. — Abba D. Hawkes, head-assistant, to take effect Jan. 31st.

Rice School. — Clara M. Symonds, an assistant.

West Roxbury District. — Louisa Gayotty, an assistant in the Hillside School, to take effect Jan. 30th.

Miss Lovell was transferred from the Primary department to the Grammar School, in the Comins School District.

Miss J. Annie Bense was transferred from the Harris School to the Rice School.

Miss Mary E. Very was transferred from the Eliot

street Primary School, to the Hillside Grammar School, West Roxbury District.

Upon motion of Mr. Prescott: —

Truant officers in Charlestown, West Roxbury and Brighton.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts consider and report to this Board what action should be taken in regard to providing the Charlestown, Jamaica Plain and Brighton Districts, with truant officers.

Mr. Reynolds offered the following: —

Vacancy in the Board.

Whereas, The seat of Mrs. Henry C. Badger has, by a vote of this Board, been declared vacant, —

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Mayor and Aldermen, proposing a convention on Tuesday, the tenth day of March next, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of filling said vacancy; and that public notice be given of the same pursuant to law.

Laid upon the table on motion of Mr. Prescott.

Mr. Foster offered the following: —

Writing in the schools; committee to take charge of.

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to take in charge the subject of writing in the public schools, and that they report such suggestions to this Board as may be needed. Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Shattuck: —

Annual School Festival; committee.

Ordered, That the President of this Board appoint a committee of nine to take charge of the Annual School Festival, and report the said committee at the next meeting of the Board.

Abridged Fourth Music Reader.

Mr. Ordway, chairman of the committee on Music, reported for adoption the following order: —

Ordered, That the "Abriged Fourth Music Reader" be adopted as a text-book in the upper classes of the Grammar Schools, and in the High Schools.

Passed.

Report of committee on Text-Books.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop, the report of the Committee on Text-books was taken up, and the fifth, the eighth

and the ninth orders of said report were adopted; introducing into the High and Grammar Schools, in accordance with the provisions of the respective orders, Hooker's Child's Book of Nature, the Franklin Fourth Reader, and Cutter's Physiological Charts.

Women not legally elected, etc. Reconsideration moved.

Mr. Noble, at a previous stage of the business of the meeting, offered the following order. Mr. Hutchins moved, and it was voted to postpone till nine o'clock its consideration. Accordingly, at that hour the order was taken up and considered: —

Ordered, That the action of this Board at their last meeting, — based upon the report of the Committee on Elections, — whereby Abby W. May, of Ward Six, Lucretia Crocker, of Ward Eleven, and Lucia M. Peabody of Ward Fourteen, were declared not legally elected, and their seats declared to be vacant, be reconsidered.

Communication from Geo. H. Monroe and others.

The Chair read a communication addressed to the Board, signed by George H. Monroe, Albert Palmer, Samuel T. Cobb, George B. Nichols and H. J. Boardman, — a committee appointed at a public meeting of the citizens of Ward 14, to consider the subject of the refusal of this Board to admit to its membership the ladies chosen by said ward and other wards of the city to serve upon the School Committee; making representations respecting the elections of said persons and their right to seats in this Board, etc., etc.; and asking that the vote of the last meeting of the Board, by which those ladies were excluded, be reconsidered, and that the citizens interested may be heard before this Board, or some committee thereof.

A lengthy discussion was had, which was concluded by a vote, on motion of Mr. Foster, to take the previous question.

On motion of Mr. Hutchins, it was voted to take the

yeas and nays; and the question was so taken as follows: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, of Ward 1, Baldwin, Beckley, Blakemore, Brown, Carty, Chaney, Chapman, Connor, Cruft, Curtis, Cushing, Darling, Dillaway, Fitzgerald, Flint, Greene, Kinsley, Kneeland, Mason, McDonough, Merrill, Moseley, Peterson, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 16, Seaverns, Tilden, Tripp, Washburn, Willard, Williams, Williamson, Woods and Wright. — 35.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 12, Badger, Beaumont, Bennett, Breck, Chapin, Cilley, Colman, Daniels, Deblois, Dunn, Dunning, Emery, Fabyan, Fallon, Fennelly, Filkins, Finney, Foster, Fraser, Frost, Gray, Hayden, Hutchins, Learnard, Leonard, Lloyd, Lothrop, Marden, McDonald, McKendry, Means, Miles, E. G. Morse, James Morse, Murphy, Neal, Noble, Norton, O'Connor, O'Kane, Ordway, Palmer, Parker, Perkins, Prescott, Quinn, Rankin, Read, of Ward 10, Reed, of Ward 6, Reynolds, Ricker, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Slade, Smalley, Southworth, Stedman, Thayer, Toland, Tucker, Underwood, Wentworth, and the President of the Common Council. — 67.

Motion to to reconsider lost.

Thirty-five gentlemen voted yea, and sixty-seven gentlemen voted nay. So the motion to reconsider did not prevail.

Upon motion of Mr. Fitzgerald: —

Opinion of City Solicitor asked.

Ordered, That the City Solicitor be requested to give his opinion as to whether the Board of Aldermen and School Committee in joint convention have authority under Chap. 38 of the General Statutes to fill the seats to which ladies were elected, and which were declared vacant because, in the opinion of the City Solicitor, they were ineligible to hold office.

Adjournment.

Mr. Prescott moved, and it was voted, that when the Board adjourn, it adjourn to Tuesday, the twenty-fourth day of February, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

Resignation of Edward Wise.

The Chair read the resignation of Edward Wise as a member of this Board, from Ward 15, and it was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Toland, the Board adjourned.

Attest: BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Feb. 24, 1874.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the 24th day of February, 1874, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., His Honor the Mayor, President of the Board, in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Badger, Beckley, Campbell, Cilley, Colman, Curtis, Cushing, Dunn, Fogg, Fraser, Gray, Kinsley, Lloyd, Maguire, Mahan, McKendry, Miles, Moran, Perkins, Quinn, Waldock, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The following teachers were confirmed: — Teachers confirmed, etc.

Bigelow School. — Elizabeth G. Bailey.

Washington School. — Bertha W. Hintz, as master's head-assistant, and Mary H. Cashman, as assistant.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

Bowditch School. — Susan H. Thaxter, as master's head-assistant, commencing March 1st; and Eliza M. Evert, as head-assistant, commencing March 1st.

West Roxbury District. — Maria Hogan, as Primary teacher, commencing Feb. 20.

Charlestown District. — Eunice B. Dyer, as assistant in the Bunker Hill School.

Miss M. E. Carter was nominated as teacher of Drawing in the Girls' High and in the Normal School, commencing March 1st.

The following teachers were transferred: —

West Roxbury District. — Ellen M. Hancock, from the Primary school on Canterbury street, to the Primary school on Poplar street.

Charlestown District. — Georgianna H. Warren, from the Grammar to the Primary department of the Winthrop District.

The resignations of the following teachers were presented and accepted: —

Bowditch School. — Francis R. Honey, master's head-assistant, to take effect March 1st.

West Roxbury District. — Delia Bonney, a Primary teacher.

Resignation of Benjamin Cushing.

The Chair read the resignation, as a member of the Board, of Benjamin Cushing, of Ward 16, and the resignation was accepted.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, offered the following: —

Whereas, vacancies exist in this Board, caused by the resignation of Edward Wise, of Ward 15, and of Benjamin Cushing, of Ward 16, —

Convention proposed.

Ordered: That a message be sent to the Mayor and Aldermen, proposing a convention, for the filling of said vacancies, on Tuesday, March 10, 1874, at seven and one-half o'clock, P. M., and that public notice be given of the same, pursuant to law. Passed.

Committees to nominate candidates.

The Chair appointed the following committees to nominate candidates for filling the vacancies; viz., upon the vacancy caused by the resignation of Edward Wise, of Ward 15, Messrs. Emery, O'Kane, Dunning, Learnard and Tucker; upon the vacancy caused by the resignation of Benjamin Cushing, of Ward 16, Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Mosley, Porter, of Ward 16, Flint and Ordway.

Report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Mason read the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom were referred — Jan. 12th — the Rules of the School Committee and Regulations of the Public Schools, to consider and report what changes are necessary to be made therein; also, the report of

that committee upon the propositions made to the Board, Jan. 27th; from the committees on the Winthrop and Bowditch Districts, — that the regulations be so amended that *forty-two* may be the maximum number of scholars in each Grammar school-room.

Maximum number in a Grammar school-room.

Upon motion of Mr. Prescott, it was voted that the reports be laid upon the table and printed.

Mr. Slade moved that the Board take up and consider the propositions made by the Committee on Vocal and Physical Culture, etc., in their report submitted Dec. 10th, to wit: —

Vocal and Physical Culture: Instructor in, salary of.

1. The nomination of Moses T. Brown as teacher of Vocal Culture, for the term of six months.

2. That his compensation be $2,500; — and moved that the rules be suspended to act upon the matters at this time.

Accordingly, the rules were suspended. The nomination of Mr. Brown was confirmed, and his compensation was fixed at $2,500.

Mr. Lothrop moved that the report of the Committee on Text-books be taken up, and it was so voted.

Report of the Committee on Text-books.

Mr. Lothrop then moved that the remaining order of the report — relating to Guyot's Physical Geography — be amended, to read as follows: "That Guyot's Physical Geography be introduced as a text-book into all the High Schools, except the English High School." The amendment passed, and then the order as amended was adopted. Mr. Lothrop then moved that Guyot's Physical Geography be introduced, in place of Warren's, into the English High School; and the motion passed.

Guyot's Physical Geography.

Mr. Merrill, Chairman of the Committee on Accounts, submitted and read the report of that committee upon the matter of providing with truant officers the districts of Charlestown, West Roxbury and Brighton; recom-

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Roxbury and Brighton.

mending the following persons for the positions named, to wit: For Charlestown, C. S. Wooffindale, and S. P. White; for West Roxbury, H. McDonald, Jr.; and for Brighton, H. F. Ripley.

The Board refused to recommit to the committee so much of the report as related to the nominations for Charlestown; and then confirmed said nominations, and also the nominations for West Roxbury and Brighton.

Reports of the Committee on School-houses, etc.

Mr. Tucker read the reports of the Committee on School-houses, upon matters which had been referred to that committee, as follows: —

Charlestown-Winthrop School section: new school-house.

1. Upon the order — Jan. 27th — as to the expediency of requesting of the City Council a new school-house for the Charlestown-Winthrop School section; and offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase, as early as possible, a lot of land on or near Prospect street; and erect thereon a new Grammar school-house, for the accommodation of the Charlestown-Winthrop School section.

Passed.

Brighton District: temporary accommodations.

2. Upon the order — Jan. 27th — to request the City Council to provide accommodations for the relief of the Union-street and Rockland Primary schools in Brighton, — recommending the passage of the order.

The question was taken upon the order, and it was adopted.

Dorchester-Everett School: additional land; new school-house.

3. Upon the order — Jan. 27th — that the City Council be requested to enlarge the yard of the Dorchester-Everett school, etc., and erect upon the lot a Grammar school-house, — recommending the passage of the order.

The question upon the order was taken, and the order passed.

Lowell school: ad-

4. Recommending the passage of the order — Jan.

27th — to request the City Council to purchase more land for the better accommodation of the new Grammar school (the Lowell) on Centre street. ditional land.

The order passed.

The following orders were offered and referred to the Committee on School-houses and School Sections.

1. By Mr. Dunning, —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional grounds for the Dudley School. Dudley School; additional grounds.

Referred with full powers.

2. By Mr. Allen, of Ward 1, —

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses and Grammar-school Sections be directed to consider the expediency of enlarging the lot on which the Chapman school-house stands, by purchasing land adjoining. Chapman School-house; additional land.

The following orders were offered, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations: —

1. By Mr. Allen, of Ward 1, —

Ordered, That Sect. 9, Chap. IV., be amended by striking out all that refers to the appointment and nomination of a superintendent of vocal culture. Sup't of Vocal and Physical Culture.

2. By Mr. Wentworth, —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider the propriety of so amending Sect. 3, Chap. IX., as to limit the time beyond which pupils shall not be detained in the school-rooms after the regular school hours. Detention of pupils after school.

3. By Mr. Foster, —

Ordered, That the following words be added to Sect. 5, Chap. IV., of the Rules and Regulations: "No salary of any teacher shall be increased, except by a majority vote of the whole Board." Increase of teachers' salaries by majority vote.

4. Mr. Toland moved to amend Chap. VIII., Sect. 1, by inserting between the third and fourth lines of said Election of Sup't of schools;

sixty votes necessary to elect.

section the following: "At least sixty votes being necessary to ensure an election."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Flint offered the following: —

Girls' High School; Bock-Steger's Anatomical Models.

Ordered, That a set of Bock-Steger's Anatomical Models be supplied to the Girls' High School.

Referred, with full powers, to the Committee on Accounts.

Annual School Festival; Committee.

The Chair appointed the following committee to make arrangements for the Annual School Festival, to wit: Messrs. Shattuck, Foster, Ricker, Emery, Underwood, Fallon, Finney, Smalley and Breck.

Resignation of Mr. Fogg on Committees.

The Chair read the resignation of Mr. Fogg upon the Committee on Rules and Regulations, and the Committee on the Roxbury High School, and the resignation was accepted.

Upon motion of Mr. Thayer: —

Lincoln School; services of Miss Fuller.

Ordered, That the services of Miss M. A. H. Fuller, assistant in the Lincoln School, commence Nov. 1st, 1873, instead of Jan. 2, 1874, the date having been incorrectly reported by the committee at a former meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Learnard: —

Committee of inquiry to report in print.

Ordered, That the committee appointed to inquire into the present condition and organization of the schools in Wards 17, 19, 20, 21 and 22, be authorized to report in print.

Report of Committee on Salaries: salaries of teachers in Charlestown, W. Roxbury, and Brighton.

Mr. Brown read the report of the Committee on Salaries, pursuant to the order passed Feb. 10th, directing that committee to report a schedule of salaries for the teachers of the schools in Charlestown, West Roxbury and Brighton. The committee reported for adoption the following orders: —

Charlestown High School. — The salary of the princi-

pal shall be the minimum salary of a head-master, $3,500.

The salary of the master of the English department shall be the minimum salary of a master in the English High School, $2,600.

The salary of the sub-master shall be the minimum salary of a sub-master in the English High School, $2,000.

The salary of the head-assistant and second assistant shall be each $1,200.

The salary of assistants shall be the same as is paid to assistants in the various High schools of Boston, $1,000.

Charlestown Grammar and Primary Schools. — The salaries of the principals of the Grammar schools of Charlestown shall be at the rate of $2,500 per annum for the remainder of the present school-year, — and the maximum salary of Grammar masters subsequently.

The salaries of the sub-masters in the Grammar schools of Charlestown shall be the minimum salary of sub-masters, $2,200.

The salary of the masters' assistants in the Grammar schools of Charlestown shall be $1,000.

The salaries of assistants in the Grammar schools, and of the teachers of Primary schools, shall be the same as in Boston, viz. : —

First year	$600.
Second year	700.
Subsequently	800.

The salary of the teacher of Drawing in Charlestown shall be at the same rate per annum as was paid him for 1873, viz., $2,000.

West Roxbury High School. — The salary of the principal shall be the minimum salary of a head-master, $3,500.

The salary of the male assistant shall be the minimum

salary of a sub-master in the English High School, $2,000.

The salary of assistants shall be the same as is paid to assistants in the various High schools in Boston, $1,000.

West Roxbury Grammar and Primary Schools. — The salaries of the principals of the Grammar schools of West Roxbury shall be the minimum salary of masters (as in Dorchester), to begin July 1st, 1874, — $2,600.

The salaries of assistants in Grammar schools, and of the teachers of Primary schools, shall be the same as in Boston, viz. : —

First year	$600.
Second year	700.
Subsequently	800.

The salaries of the teachers of Drawing in West Roxbury shall be paid until March 1st, 1874, at the same rate as for the year 1873, viz., $800 and $600 respectively.

Brighton High School. — The salary of the principal shall be the minimum salary of a master in the English High School, $2,600.

The salary of assistants shall be the same as is paid to assistants in the various High schools of Boston, $1,000.

The salary of the teacher of the French language shall be $250.

Brighton Grammar and Primary Schools. — The salaries of the principals of the Grammar schools of Brighton shall be the minimum salary of masters (as in Dorchester), $2,600.

The salaries of assistants in the Grammar schools, and of the teachers of Primary schools, shall be the same as in Boston, viz. : —

First year	$600.
Second year	700.
Subsequently	800.

Music Department. — That the salaries of the teacher of Music in Brighton, $600; West Roxbury, $1,000; and Charlestown, $1,000, be continued during the present school year; the teachers to be nominated by the Committee on Music.

Voted, on motion of Mr. Flint, that the report be laid upon the table and printed.

Mr. Washburn offered the following: —

Women elected; resolution of invitation to take their seats.

Whereas, In accordance with an opinion of the City Solicitor, given to this Board, viz., "that a woman cannot legally be a member of a school committee," — the seats of the ladies elected to this Board were declared vacant; and, —

Whereas, Since the rendering of said decision, and the declaration of the vacancy of said seats, the Supreme Judicial Court has, in answer to an order of the House of Representatives, decided that the Constitution does not prevent women from serving on the School Committee, —

Resolved, That the women elected to this Board be invited to take their seats as members thereof.

The Chair ruled that, to allow the consideration of the resolution, a suspension of the rules would be necessary, as the Board had already, under its rules, taken final action upon the subject.

Mr. Washburn therefore moved a suspension of the rules, and called for the yeas and nays thereon, which was voted: and the yeas and nays were taken, as follows: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, of Ward 1, Baldwin, Blakemore, Brown, Carty, Chaney, Connor, Cruft, Daniels, Darling, Dillaway, Finney, Fitzgerald, Flint, Greene, Kneeland, Mason, McDonough, Merrill, Miles, Moseley, Neal, Parker, Peterson, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 16,

Porter, of Ward 2, Prescott, Read, of Ward 10, Reynolds, Seaverns, Southworth, Stedman, Thayer, Tilden, Tripp, Underwood, Washburn, Willard, Williams, Williamson, Wilson, Woods, and Wright. — 44.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen of Ward 12, Beaumont, Breck, Chapin, Deblois, Dunning, Emery, Fabyan, Fallon, Fennelly, Filkins, Foster, Frost, Hayden, Hutchins, Learnard, Leonard, Lothrop, Marden, McDonald, Means, E. G. Morse, James Morse, Murphy, Noble, Norton, O'Connor, O'Kane, Ordway, Palmer, Rankin, Reed, of Ward 6, Ricker, Slade, Toland, Tucker and Wentworth. — 40.

Forty-four gentleman voted yea, and forty gentleman voted nay.

A vote of *three-fourths* of the members present being required for a suspension, the motion did not prevail.

Upon motion of Mr. Fitzgerald: —

Opinion of City Solicitor to be requested.

Ordered, That the City Solicitor be requested to give his opinion whether, in view of the recent decision of the Supreme Court with regard to the right of women to hold a seat on a School Board, the City Charter or the statutes of the Commonwealth prevent women from serving on this Board; and that he be respectfully requested to give his answer at the next regular meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Stedman, the Board adjourned.

Attest: BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 10, 1874.

A quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the city of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the tenth day of March, 1874, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the chair.

Absent: — Messrs. Badger, Flint, Fogg, Foster, Kinsley, Maguire, Mahan, McDonald, McKendry, Means, Miles, Moran, Perkins, Quinn, Rankin, Read, of Ward 10. Underwood, Waldock, Wilson, Woods, Wright, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The Chair read the concurrence of the Mayor and Aldermen in the proposition for a convention for the purpose of filling the vacancies in the Board caused by the resignations of Edward Wise, of Ward 15, and Benj. Cushing, of Ward 16. Convention.

The Convention was held.

Mr. Emery, from the committee appointed to nominate a candidate for filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Edward Wise, reported the name of George M. Hobbs. Accepted. Voted to proceed to ballot.

The Chair appointed a committee, consisting of Alderman Clark and Messrs. Fitzgerald and Deblois, to collect the ballots.

The committee proceeded, and afterwards reported that the whole number of ballots was 82; necessary for a choice under the rules, 62; and that George M. Hobbs had 82. George M. Hobbs chosen.

Mr. Hobbs was accordingly declared chosen.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, from the committee appointed to nominate a candidate for filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Benj. Cushing, of Ward 16, reported the name of William P. Leavitt. The committee also presented a petition signed by William Barry and ninety-three others, citizens of Ward 16, recommending to the consideration of the Board the name of D. D. Gilbert, for filling the vacancy. Accepted. Voted to proceed to ballot.

Petition of William Barry and others.

The Chair appointed Alderman Stebbins and Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, and Finney, a committee to collect the ballots; who proceeded and reported that the whole number of ballots was 88. William P. Leavitt had 52; D. D. Gilbert had 33; James S. Swan had 3; and there was no choice.

Second ballot. Whole number of ballots, 92. William P. Leavitt had 56; D. D. Gilbert had 34; James S. Swan had 2; and there was no choice.

Third ballot. Whole number of ballots 93. William P. Leavitt had 62; D. D. Gilbert had 31. Mr. Leavitt had the requisite number for a choice, and was declared elected.

William P. Leavitt chosen.

The business of the convention having been accomplished, the two Boards separated.

Vacancies in committees filled.

The Chair made the following appointments to fill vacancies in committees, caused by the various resignations, to wit: Mr. Reynolds, on the Committee on Rules and Regulations, in place of Mr. Fogg; Mr. Fallon, upon the Committee on Text-books, in place of Mr. Cushing; Mr. Dillaway, upon the Committee on the Sherwin School District, in place of Mr. Wise; Mr. Hobbs, upon the Committee on Elections, and the Committee on the Comins School District, in place of Mr. Wise; and Mr. Leavitt, on the Committees on the Girls'

High School, the Dorchester High School, the Dorchester-Everett, the Gibson and the Mather School Districts, in place of Mr. Cushing.

The following teachers were confirmed: —

Teachers confirmed, etc.

English High School. — John P. Brown, master, and George F. Learnard, Manson Seavey, Jerome B. Poole, and William G. Nowell, sub-masters.

Adams School District. — Sarah E. McPhail, an assistant, and Adeline H. Cook, a Primary teacher.

Chapman School District. — Clara A. Otis, a Primary teacher.

Lyman School District. — Sarah J. Lothrop, a Primary teacher.

Sherwin School District. — Mary F. Cogswell, and Elizabeth A. Sandborn, Primary teachers.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

Andrew School District. — J. Martin Dill, as sub-master, commencing March 11th; and Mary S. Beebe, as Primary teacher, commencing Feb. 24th.

Brimmer School. — Luthera W. Bird, as head-assistant, commencing Feb. 1st.

Bowditch School District. — Emma A. Gordon, as assistant, commencing March 1st; and Emma L. Pollex, as Primary teacher, commencing Feb. 1st.

Harris School. — Adelaide A. Keith, as assistant, commencing March 9th.

Lewis School District. — Alice M. May, as Primary teacher, commencing March 1st.

Norcross School. — Ellen T. Noonan, as assistant, commencing March 1st.

Rice School District. — Martha Dadman, as Primary teacher, commencing Dec. 15, 1873.

Sherwin School. — Emma L. Peterson, as assistant, commencing Feb. 1st.

Wells School. — Mary G. Shaw, as head-assistant, commencing March 1st.

Charlestown District. — Martha R. Fay, an assistant in the Harvard School; and Caroline Simpson, as assistant in the Charlestown-Winthrop School, commencing Feb. 24th.

School for Deaf Mutes.

School for Deaf Mutes. — Alice M. Jordan, an assistant, commencing Jan. 20th; and Mary N. Williams, an assistant, commencing Jan. 27th.

The resignation of A. M. Ellwell, a Primary teacher in the Lawrence School District, was accepted, to take effect Feb. 28th.

The resignation of Mary A. C. Williams, an assistant in the Wells School, was accepted, to take effect March 1st; and Isabella Bennett was transferred from the Primary to the Grammar department of the Wells District, to take effect March 1st.

The resignation of Mary P. Swain, a Primary teacher in the Charlestown-Winthrop School District, was accepted, to take effect Feb. 23d.

The quarterly reports of the several High School and Grammar School District Committees were submitted and accepted, except the reports on the Brighton High School and the Gaston and Tileston School Districts, upon which further time was granted.

On motion of Mr. Brown, —

Charlestown City Hall; instruction in Drawing.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to fit the upper story of the City Hall, Charlestown, for class instruction in Drawing.

The following orders were offered and referred to the Committee on Salaries: —

1. By Mr. Allen, of Ward 14, —

Ordered, That the salaries of the assistant teachers in the school for Deaf Mutes be for the first year's service, $700.00; for the second year and subsequently, $800.00; the change to apply to all appointments made from and after this date.

School for Deaf Mutes; salaries of teachers.

2. By Mr. Neal, —

Ordered, That the salary of the teacher of French in the Charlestown High School be not exceeding six hundred dollars per annum.

Teacher of French in Charlestown High School.

3. By Mr. Fitzgerald, —

Ordered, That Miss Cashman receive the maximum salary for fourteen days' service in the Quincy School.

4. By Mr. Fitzgerald, —

Ordered, That Miss Putnam and Miss Tozier receive the pay of temporary teachers for services rendered in the Quincy School.

5. By Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, —

Ordered, That in consideration of her four years' service in the schools of the city of Cambridge, where she was paid seven hundred dollars at the time of her appointment to the Harris School, Miss Adelaide A. Keith receive the maximum salary of an assistant.

The following orders were offered and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations: —

1. By Mr. Shattuck, —

Ordered, That the head-assistant serving at the present time in the master's room in the Winthrop Grammar School, be made a master's assistant.

Winthrop School; salary of a head-assistant.

2. By Mr. Neal, —

Ordered, That the Committee on the Charlestown High School be authorized to employ a teacher of French in that school.

Charlestown High School; teacher of French.

The following orders were offered and referred to the Committee on School-houses and School Sections: —

1. By Mr. Smalley, —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase land, and erect a Grammar school-house thereon, in the Florence School District, West Roxbury.

2. By Mr. Seaverns, —

Lewis School-yard; additional land.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase additional land to enlarge the school-yard of the Lewis School.

3. By Mr. Chapin, —

Charlestown-Winthrop School; temporary accommodations.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish temporary accommodations for the class of the Charlestown-Winthrop School, now occupying a room in the Moulton-street Primary School-house, that room being required for an additional primary school.

4. By Mr. Marden, —

Charlestown-Prescott District: Primary accommodations.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish accommodations for an additional Primary school in the Charlestown-Prescott School District.

Mr. Chapman offered the following: —

West Roxbury; services of a truant officer.

Ordered, That Henry McDonald, jr., Truant Officer in the West Roxbury District, receive pay for services from January 1st, 1874, to the time of his appointment by this Board, at the rate of $850 per annum.

Referred with full powers to the Committee on Accounts.

Charlestown free schools; report of trustees.

Mr. Neal read a report from the Trustees of the Charlestown Free Schools, to the effect that, in compliance with the act to unite the City of Charlestown with the City of Boston, the members of the School Committee from Wards 20, 21 and 22, organized as trustees of the Charlestown Free Schools, by the choice of George B. Neal as President, and William H. Finney as Secre-

tary and Treasurer. The funds of the Trustees consist of two notes of the town and city of Charlestown for $600 and $5,000, respectively; the income to be used for the benefit of the Charlestown Schools. The amount of accumulated income on hand Jan. 1, 1874, was $856.05. Accepted.

The Chair read the opinions of the City Solicitor upon matters which had been referred to him Feb. 10th, and Feb. 24th. Opinions of City Solicitor.

Upon motion of Mr. Lothrop, the papers were laid upon the table, and it was ordered that they be printed.

Upon motion of Mr. Mason, the Board took from the table the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations made at the last meeting — ordered to be printed. Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Mason moved the adoption of the recommendations of the committee, embracing the changes necessary to be made in the Rules and Regulations, on pages three, four, and five, of the printed report.

Mr. Reynolds moved the following substitute for Sect. 2, Chap. 1, as proposed by the committee: —

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations, Chap. 1, Sect. 2, be so amended, that the section shall stand as follows: —

"SECT. 2. At the meeting for organization each year, the Board shall elect a Secretary by ballot, and fix his salary for the ensuing year; and the president shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Board, standing committees of seven members each: on Elections; — on Rules and Regulations; — on Accounts; — on School-houses and Grammar School Sections; — on Salaries; — on Text-books; — on Music; — on Drawing; — on Vocal and Physical Culture and Military Drill; — on Printing; — on the Normal School; — on the Latin School; — on the English High School; — on the Girls' High School;

— on the Roxbury High School; — on the Dorchester High School; and on Evening Schools."

Mr. Shattuck moved to amend the proposed substitute, so as to provide for the appointment of committees of *twelve* members each on the committees on the Latin School, the English High School, and the Girls' High School; and the motion prevailed.

The question being now upon the substitute, as amended, Mr. Fallon moved to amend it by adding the following: —

"No more than one member from any one ward shall be appointed upon any one of these committees."

After a lengthy discussion the report was laid upon the table.

Upon motion of Mr. James Morse, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary*.

In School Committee, March 24, 1874.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, called by the President of the Board, at the request of William B. Merrill, Charles J. Prescott, Warren P. Adams, William H. Learnard, Jr., Lucius Slade, J. Coffin Jones Brown, Francis D. Stedman, and George D. Ricker; — "to act upon the Report of the Committee on Salaries, with respect to the salaries of the instructors in the public schools of Charlestown, West Roxbury and Brighton," — was held at the City Hall on Tuesday, the twenty-fourth day of March, at half past seven o'clock, P.M. In the absence of His Honor, the Mayor, President of the Board, the Board chose by ballot, Mr. Learnard as president *pro tempore*.

President *pro tem.*

Absent: Messrs. Allen, of Ward 14, Badger, Baldwin, Beckley, Breck, Carty, Colman, Curtis, Deblois, Dunn, Dunning, Emery, Fennelly, Flint, Fogg, Frost, Greene, Leonard, Lloyd, Lothrop, Maguire, Mahan, McKendry, Means, Moran, E. G. Morse, Moseley, Murphy, O'Connor, Palmer, Perkins, Porter, of Ward 16, Quinn, Rankin, Read, of Ward 10, Shurtleff, Thayer, Toland, Waldock, Washburn, Willard, Wilson, Woods, Wright, the President of the Board, and the President of the Common Council.

Absent.

On motion of Mr. Merrill, the Board took from the table the report of the Committee on Salaries — made Feb. 24th — being a proposed schedule of salaries for the teachers of the schools in Charlestown, West Roxbury and Brighton.

Report of Committee on Salaries: Salaries of teachers in Charlestown, West Roxbury and Brighton.

The salaries proposed for teachers in the various

grades were considered, and with some slight amendments were adopted as follows: —

CHARLESTOWN.

Principal of the High School . . .	$3,500
Master of the English department . .	2,600
Sub-master	2,000
Head assistant and second assistant, each .	1,200
Assistants	1,000
Principals of the Grammar Schools for the remainder of the present school year .	2,600
Subsequently	3,200
Sub-masters	2,200
Masters' assistants	1,000
Assistants, and Primary teachers, first year, $600; second year, $700; third year and subsequently, $800.	
Teacher of Music	1,200
Teacher of Drawing	2,000

WEST ROXBURY.

Principal of the High School . . .	$3,500
Male assistant	2,000
Assistants	1,000
Principals of the Grammar Schools . .	2,600
Assistants, and Primary teachers, first year, $600; second year, $700; third year and subsequently, $800.	
Teacher of Music	1,200
Teachers of Drawing, $1,200 and $400, respectively until July 1, 1874.	

BRIGHTON.

Principal of the High School . . .	$2,600
Assistants in the High School . . .	1,000

Teacher of the French language . . . 250
Principals of the Grammar Schools . . 2,600
Assistants, and Primary teachers, first year, $600; second year, $700; third year, and subsequently, $800.

Voted, on motion of Mr. Brown, that all of the above salaries take effect January 1st, 1874. Above salaries to commence Jan. 1, 1874.

Mr. Ordway nominated as the teachers of music: in Brighton, Mr. C. E. Whiting; in Charlestown, J. M. Mason; in West Roxbury, Miss L. H. Garlin. Teachers of Music nominated.

Mr. Mason submitted an order of notice, on petition of Lucia M. Peabody, and of Albert Palmer and others, to the Supreme Judicial Court, praying that a writ of Mandamus be issued to the School Committee of the City of Boston, that they may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitions should not be granted. Petitions of Lucia M. Peabody, Albert Palmer and others for Mandamus.

On motion of Mr. Mason, it was voted to refer the papers to the City Solicitor, to take charge of the same as counsel for the Board.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Wentworth, that there be no session of the public schools on Saturday, April 4th. No session of the public schools.

Mr. Peterson offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to make such alterations in the Prescott school-house as are necessary to secure a passage-way from one corridor to the other, so that the pupils can go to and from their different class-rooms without passing through rooms occupied by other classes; also, that a master's room be fitted up in said school-house. Referred to the Committee on School-houses and School sections. Alterations in the Prescott School-house.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 12, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Knight's History of England be introduced as a reference-book in the High and Grammar schools. Referred to the Committee on Text-books. Books of Reference: Knight's History of England.

Full Minutes of preceding Meetings, with covers.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Prescott, That the Secretary furnish each member of the Board at all its meetings full minutes of all preceding meetings of the current year, and that the Committee on Accounts furnish suitable covers for the same.

Mr. Hutchins offered the following: —

Publication of official reports of meetings of the Board.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to secure the publication of an official report of the meetings of the School Committee in one of the daily papers of this city. Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Reports of Committee on Salaries. Salaries of teachers in School for Deaf Mutes.

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Committee on Salaries, reported upon matters referred to that committee, and submitted the following orders, recommending their passage, and they were severally adopted: —

1. *Ordered*, That the salaries of the assistants in the school for deaf mutes be, for the first year's service, $700; for the second and subsequent years' service, $800 per annum; the change to apply to all appointments made from and after this date.

Maximum salary to Miss Keith.

2. *Ordered*, That in consideration of her four years' service in the schools of the city of Cambridge, where she was paid seven hundred dollars at the time of her appointment to the Harris school, Miss Adelaide A. Keith receive the maximum salary of an assistant.

Maximum salary to Miss Adams.

3. *Ordered*, That, in consideration of her six years' service in the public schools in New York City, Miss Kate M. Adams be paid at the maximum rate for Grammar-school Assistants, from the commencement of the present school year.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. James Morse, the meeting dissolved.

Attest: BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, April 14, 1874.

A regular monthly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday the fourteenth day of April, 1874, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the chair.

The President called the meeting to order and directed that the roll be called, to see if a quorum were present. Roll call.

The secretary called the roll and recorded the names of the absent members, as follows, viz.: — Absent.

Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 1, Baldwin, Beckley, Brown, Campbell, Cilley, Colman, Connor, Deblois, Dunn, Emery, Fennelly, Filkins, Fitzgerald, Fogg, Foster, Fraser, Frost, Hayden, Hobbs, Hutchins, Leonard, Lloyd, Maguire, Mahan, McDonald, McKendry, Means, Merrill, Miles, Moran, E. G. Morse, Noble, O'Connor, Ordway, Palmer, Perkins, Plummer, Quinn, Read, of Ward 10, Seaverns, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Southworth, Tripp, Waldock, Willard, Woods, and the President of the Common Council.

The following-named gentlemen afterwards appeared, and were present at the meeting, viz.: —

Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Beckley, Cilley, Dunn, Fennelly, Filkins, Fitzgerald, Hayden, Hobbs, Ordway, Perkins, Quinn, Seaverns, Shattuck, and Southworth.

Miss Fanny Blanchard was confirmed as Primary teacher in the Gaston School District. Teachers confirmed, etc.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

Bowdoin School District. — Rose Prescott, commencing Feb. 1st.

Gaston School. — Caroline M. Gerrish, an assistant, commencing Feb. 10th.

Lincoln School. — Georgette Custer, an assistant, commencing Feb. 24th.

Quincy School. — Henry B. Brown, an usher, commencing April 4th.

Washington School. — Mrs. E. F. Inman, an assistant, commencing April 13th.

Bunker Hill School. — Eunice B. Dyer, master's assistant, commencing April 13th, and E. M. Parker, an assistant, commencing April 13th.

The resignations of the following teachers were presented and accepted: —

Gaston School. — Abby M. Holder, an assistant, to take effect Feb. 10th.

Bunker Hill School. — Mary G. Prichard, master's assistant, to take effect April 13th.

The following order, offered by Mr. Daniels, was referred to the Committee on Salaries: —

Ordered, That Miss Eunice B. Wentworth, an assistant in the Bunker Hill School, — in consideration of her previous service as teacher in the schools of Boston for six or seven years, — be paid at the rate of seven hundred dollars per annum, from the first of this month to the first of September next.

Reports of Committee on Rules and Regulations. Election of Sup't of Schools; votes necessary to elect.

Mr. Mason, chairman of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, presented reports from that committee as follows: —

1. Upon the amendment — offered Feb. 24th — proposing that sixty votes be necessary to ensure the election of a Superintendent of Schools.

The committee reported that they had not been able to ascertain any special necessity for the proposed change, or any advantage to be gained thereby, and that therefore they did not recommend its adoption. The report was accepted.

2. Upon the order — Feb. 24th — relating to the detention of pupils after the regular school hours.

Detention of pupils after school.

The committee reported that, while they do not approve of any detention, yet cases may arise requiring some detention; and such cases may be left to the control of the committee of the district, if the privilege should be abused by any teacher. The report was accepted.

3. Upon the orders — offered Jan. 27th — proposing amendments to the regulations of the Latin School.

Regulations of the Latin School; amendments proposed.

The committee recommended the adoption of the various amendments.

Upon motion of Mr. Learnard, it was voted to lay upon the table the several orders proposed, and that they be printed, and be considered by the Board at nine o'clock at the next regular meeting.

4. Upon the order — offered Feb. 10th — proposing that a committee of five be appointed to take in charge the subject of *writing* in the public schools, etc.

Writing in the schools; committee to take charge of.

The committee reported that they gave a full and careful hearing to the gentleman who offered the order, — the superintendent and several of the masters being present; — and they found no sufficient reason for the proposed committee, other than exists for the appointment of committees to take charge of the subjects of reading, spelling, arithmetic, and geography; and they, therefore, did not recommend the passage of the order. Accepted.

Upon motion of Mr. Mason, the Board took from the table the report of the Committee on Rules and Regula-

Necessary changes in Rules and

Regulations.

tions, made Feb. 24th and ordered to be printed, and considered in part March 10th.

The question being upon the substitute proposed — March 10th — by Mr. Reynolds, for Sect. 2, Chap. I., as amended by Mr. Shattuck's motion, the substitute was still further amended, on motion of Mr. Shattuck, by striking out the remainder of the section after the words "and the Girls' High School," and inserting the following: "and of seven members each on all the other High Schools, and on Evening Schools."

The question was then upon the amendment to the substitute offered by Mr. Fallon, March 10th. This amendment Mr. Fallon withdrew, and offered the following instead: — "But no more than one member from a ward shall be appointed on any standing committee, or on the committee of the Latin School, English High School, Girls' High School, or Normal School;" upon which the question was taken, and it was not adopted. The proposed section as amended was then adopted.

Section 4, as proposed by the committee, was adopted.

Section 13, Chap. IV., as proposed, was amended by striking out the word *regular* before the word *meetings*, and was then adopted.

For Section 19, Chap. IV., as proposed by the committee, Mr. O'Kane offered the following substitute, which, on motion of Mr. Ordway, was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations: —

Section 19. Annually in the month of May the committees of the several schools and school districts shall canvass their lists of teachers; and the chairman of each school district shall be required to notify the head-master or master, at least one month in advance, of the intention of said district committee to canvass the assistant teachers under his charge; and that said head-master or

master shall be required to report to his chairman, in writing, at least one week prior to said meeting for canvassing aforesaid, any and all objections that he may intend to present against such assistant teachers to said district committee. Whereupon it shall be the duty of the chairman of said district committee to notify such assistant teachers as are objected to in said report, of such objections, and to invite them to be present at the canvass, when and where they shall be heard in self-defence, in order that the committee may be enabled to deal justly towards the respective parties. After consultation as above provided, the committee shall decide upon those whom they will recommend for re-election.

The amendment to Sect. 22, Chap. IV., proposed by the committee, was adopted.

Sect. 3, Chap. V., as proposed by the committee, was amended, on motion of Mr. Underwood, by inserting the following words after the word *instructors*, in the second line, to wit, "which shall be held with closed doors."

The section as amended was then adopted.

The amendments proposed to Sect. 4, Chap. V., and Sect. 13, Chap. XIII., were adopted.

Mr. Ricker offered the following preamble and resolutions: — Death of Thomas F. Mahan; resolutions.

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove by death one of our honored members; therefore, —

Resolved, That the Board of School Committee has heard with deep and heartfelt sorrow the announcement of the death of Thomas F. Mahan.

Resolved, That Mr. Mahan's connection with this Board, his faithful discharge of all the duties as a member thereof, and his interest in the cause of education, have won for him our esteem, confidence and respect.

Resolved, That the resolutions be entered upon the

records of the Board, and that a copy of the same be sent to the family of the deceased.

The question upon the resolutions was taken by a rising vote, and they were unanimously adopted.

Maximum number of pupils in a Grammar school-room.

Mr. Mason, by unanimous consent, put in a supplementary report from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, upon the propositions so to alter the Rules and Regulations, Sect. 7, Chap. XII., that forty-two pupils may hereafter be the maximum number allowed in each Grammar School-room, — to the effect that it is inexpedient to legislate upon the matter.

Mr. Reynolds moved to substitute for the report of the committee an amendment of the Regulations so as to provide that forty-nine shall be the maximum number of pupils in each Grammar School-room.

Mr. Kneeland moved that the report and amendment be referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Without taking further action upon the matter, the meeting, on motion of Mr. Seaverns, dissolved.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, May 12, 1874.

A regular monthly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of May, 1874, at half past seven o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Badger, Beckley, Bennett, Breck, Brown, Carty, Cilley, Coleman, Dunn, Emery, Fogg, Fraser, Hutchins, Lloyd, Maguire, Marden, Mason, Merrill, Moran, Murphy, O'Connor, O'Kane, Palmer, Rankin, Read, of Ward 10, Stedman, Waldock, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The following teachers were confirmed: —

Bowdoin School District. — Rose Prescott, a Primary teacher.

Bigelow School. — J. Gardner Bassett, an usher.

Dwight School. — Henry L. Sawyer, an usher.

Everett School District. — Adelaide B. Smith, Florence M. Proctor, Fanny M. Nason, and Clementine D. Grover, Primary teachers.

Hancock School. — Ellen M. Sanders, an assistant.

Stoughton School. — Eva D. Kellogg and Margaret Whittemore, assistants.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

Andrew School. — Caroline M. Kingman, an assistant, commencing May 14th.

Dwight School District. — Mary O. Lord, an assistant, commencing March 18th, and Evelyn M. Walton, a Primary teacher, commencing March 9th.

Everett School District. — M. W. Emery, a Primary teacher, commencing March 1st.

Lincoln School District. — Mary F. French, a Primary teacher, commencing Jan. 2d.

Lyman School District. — Irene A. Bancroft, an assistant, commencing April 1st; and Josephine A. Murphy, a Primary teacher, commencing Jan. 1st.

Sherwin School District. — Maria D. Faxon, a Primary teacher, commencing May 11th.

Stoughton School. — Caroline F. Melvlle, an assistant, commencing May 1st.

Charlestown-Harvard School. — Martha R. Fay, an assistant, commencing Feb. 11th.

Charlestown-Winthrop School District. — Julia M. Burbank, a Primary teacher, commencing May 1st.

The Board proceeded with the unfinished business of the last meeting.

Maximum number of pupils in a Grammar school-room.

The Chair put the question upon the motion of Mr. Reynolds, to substitute for the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations an amendment, to provide that *forty-nine* shall be the maximum number of pupils in each Grammar school-room, — and the motion was not adopted.

The question was then upon accepting the report of the Committee, — "that it is inexpedient to legislate upon the matter," — and the report was accepted.

The following orders were offered and referred to the Committee on Salaries: —

1. By Mr. Curtis: —

Salary of Rose Prescott.

Ordered, That Miss Rose Prescott, teacher in the Primary department of the Bowdoin District, in consideration of her previous service as teacher in Charlestown and elsewhere for six years, be paid the maximum salary to date from Feb. 1, 1874.

2. By Mr. Slade: —

Ordered, That Miss Ellen M. Sanders receive the maximum salary from Nov. 11, 1873, — she having served as teacher twelve years previous to her nomination to this Board.

Salary of Ellen M. Sanders.

3. By Mr. Seaverns: —

Ordered, That in consideration of one year's previous service in the schools of the city, Miss H. A. Smith receive the second year's salary.

Salary of Miss H. A. Smith.

4. By Mr. Seaverns: —

Ordered, That in consideration of her eight years' previous service in the schools of Brookline, Miss Elizabeth Gerry receive the maximum salary of an assistant.

Salary of Elizabeth Gerry.

5. By Mr. Leavitt: —

Ordered, That in consideration of her twelve years' experience as a teacher, Miss Eva D. Kellogg be paid the salary of the second year's service as an assistant, dating from the beginning of her term of service.

Salary of Eva D. Kellogg.

6. By Mr. Daniels: —

Ordered, That, in view of the long experience which Miss E. M. Parker has had as a teacher in the public schools in this vicinity, she be paid the maximum salary as assistant teacher in the Bunker Hill School, to date from April 12th.

Salary of Miss E. M. Parker.

The Chair read the following communications: —

1. From John D. Philbrick, Superintendent of Schools, of his decision not to be a candidate for re-election.

Communication from John D. Philbrick, Superintendent of Schools.

Voted, on motion of Mr. Lothrop, That the communication be referred to a committee of five, to consider and report what action should be taken upon it.

The Chair appointed as the committee Messrs. Lothrop, Flint, Learnard, Fitzgerald, and Finney.

2. From Charles M. Cumston, Head Master of the

Communication from

Charles M. Cumston, head-master of the English High School.

English High School, informing the Board of his intention to leave his position in that capacity at the close of the present school-year, and that he did not wish his name used as a candidate for re-election.

Voted, on motion of Mr. Lothrop, That the vacancy which the reception of the letter which has just been read will create be referred to the committee provided by the Rules and Regulations; and that the Secretary be instructed forthwith to publish the fact of the vacancy, and to state that applications and recommendations of candidates will be received at his office until Monday, June 1st.

Communication from Geo. W. Taylor: act of barbarity of a teacher in Charlestown High School.

3. From George W. Taylor, asking the Board to find out the truth in the matter of an alleged act of barbarity of a teacher in the Charlestown High School.

On motion of Mr. Learnard, the subject was referred to the committee upon that school.

Petition of R. H. Dana, Jr., and others; "children who never go to school."

4. A petition, signed by R. H. Dana, Jr., Mrs. William Claflin, and seven others, asking the Board to take certain measures for enforcing the law with respect to the children "who never go to school," etc. Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Petition of Joseph White and others; "Teachers' and Pupils' Fund of the Agassiz Memorial."

5. A petition, signed by Joseph White, Edward J. Lowell, John S. Blatchford and James M. Barnard, "Committee of the Teachers and Pupils' Fund of the Agassiz Memorial," asking that the rules of the Board be suspended, so that the teachers may be allowed to take up a contribution in the schools in aid of said fund.

Thereupon Mr. Flint offered the following order: —

Ordered, That Sect. 26, Chap. IX. of the Rules and Regulations be suspended, to allow a contribution to be taken in the public schools for the Agassiz Memorial on the 28th inst.

A motion, by Mr. Fallon, to lay the order upon the table, was lost. The question was then taken upon the order, and it was not adopted.

Resignation of Mr. Breck.

The Chair read the resignation of Charles H. B. Breck as a member of the School Committee from Ward 19; and the resignation was accepted. Thereupon Mr. Norton offered the following: —

Vacancy: convention proposed.

Whereas, A vacancy exists in this Board caused by the resignation of C. H. B. Breck, of Ward 19, —

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Mayor and Aldermen, proposing a convention on Tuesday, June 9th, at seven and a half o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of filling said vacancy; and that public notice be given of the same, pursuant to law. The order passed.

Committee to nominate a candidate.

The Chair appointed the following committee to nominate to the Board a candidate for filling the vacancy, viz.: Messrs. Bennett, Norton, Chapman, Allen, of Ward 14, and Merrill.

Upon motion of Mr. Shattuck, —

Annual School Festival.

Ordered, That the Annual School Festival be held upon the afternoon of July 2d.

Upon motion of Mr. Perkins, —

Girls' High School: salary of teacher of Drawing.

Ordered, That Miss Carter, teacher of Drawing in the Girls' High School, be paid at the rate of eight hundred dollars per annum from March 1st, the date of the commencement of her service.

Upon motion of Mr. Perkins, —

Committe on Drawing to report in print.

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing be allowed to report in print.

Upon motion of Mr. Allen, of Ward 14, —

Roxbury High School.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Roxbury High School have authority to dismiss the school and vacate said building at such time as the Committee on Public

Buildings may want possession for the purpose of commencing the alterations contemplated by the city; and that the usual exhibition at the close of the present school year be dispensed with.

Upon motion of Mr. Allen, of Ward 14, —

Teachers of school for Deaf Mutes.

Ordered, That the teachers of the school for Deaf Mutes shall consist of one principal and such number of assistant teachers as this Board may determine; this order to take effect from and after the first of September, 1873.

Quincy School: salary of Miss Hanna to be paid to her mother, etc.

Mr. Fitzgerald offered the following order, and moved that the rules be suspended, for its passage. The rules were suspended and the order was adopted: —

Ordered, That the mother of Josephine Hanna, late a teacher in the Quincy School, receive the full amount of salary which Miss Hanna would have received had she been in actual service up to the date of her death; and that the substitutes who taught in Miss Hanna's room during her illness be paid as temporary teachers.

On motion of Mr. Williams, —

Lowell School: committee on, appointed.

Ordered, That the President of the Board be requested to appoint a district committee for the new Grammar School (the Lowell) on Centre street.

The Chair appointed, agreeably to the above order, the following gentlemen as the Committee on the Lowell School, viz.: Messrs. Williams, Smalley, Dillaway, E. G. Morse, Seaverns, Hobbs, Miles, Dunning, Allen, of Ward 14, James Morse, and O'Kane.

Mr. Shurtleff, from the committee on "the condition and organization of the schools in Wards 17, 19, 20, 21 and 22," etc., offered the following order, which the Board adopted: —

Ordered, That all apparatus, books and materials

supplied to the High, Grammar and Primary schools of the city be supplied to the High, Grammar and Primary schools of the newly annexed wards, excepting text-books; the writing and drawing books used may be changed to the Boston system, if approved by the committee on the school.

Regulations of the Latin School: amendments proposed.

On motion of Mr. Washburn, the Board took up the special assignment, to wit: the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, made April 14th, upon the proposed amendments to the regulations concerning the Latin School.

The orders were taken up and considered separately.

Order No. 1 reads as follows, and was adopted: —

1. *Ordered*, That, in the Rules and Regulations, Chapter XIV., Sect. 2, in the second line, there be introduced after the word *masters*, the words "and sub-masters;" that, in the third and fourth lines, instead of the words "the next six years," the words "six years from the first of September, 1870," be inserted; and that, after the second sentence of the section, the following words be introduced: "the head-master, masters and sub-masters shall be graduates of a college in good standing."

Order No. 2 is as follows: —

2. *Ordered*, That in the same chapter, Sect. 3, in the second line, there be inserted, after the word *old*, these words: "and must bring a certificate of good character from the principal of the school which he last attended;" and that, in place of the last clause of this section, there be added the following words: "must know the etymology of the Latin language, and the simpler rules of its syntax, as laid down in Harkness's grammar; and be able to translate the sentences of Viri Romæ, and of Harkness's Latin Reader."

Mr. Reynolds called for a division of the question,

whereupon the question was taken upon the first part of the order, ending with the word *attended*, — which was adopted.

The remaining part of the order was passed over.

The Board then adopted order No. 4, as follows: —

4. *Ordered*, That, to Sect. 4, of this chapter, the following words be added, — "or in the concluding days of the summer term."

The question now being upon the remainder of Order No. 2, Mr. Washburn submitted therefor, and for Order No. 3, the following substitute: —

Ordered, That Section 3 be altered to read as follows: —

Section 3. Each candidate for admission must be at least nine years old; he must bring a certificate of good character from the principal of the school which he last attended; must be able to read at first sight easy prose, and to spell all words of common occurrence, and must understand the simple rules of arithmetic.

The subject was being considered, when, upon motion of Mr. Toland, its further consideration was laid upon the table.

Adjournment.

Mr. Toland then moved, and it was voted that, when the Board adjourn, it be for two weeks from to-night.

School Festival: Committee on.

The Chair nominated Mr. Porter, of Ward 16, upon the committee of arrangements for the School Festival, in place of Mr. Breck, resigned.

Mr. Flint offered the following: —

Girls' High School: physical exercises.

Ordered, That instruction in physical exercises be continued in the Girls' High School, and that the committee on that school be authorized to nominate a regular teacher for that department.

Referred to the Committee on Vocal and Physical Culture.

On motion of Mr. Toland, the Board took from the table the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, but, without taking further action thereon, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Allen, of Ward 1, and was carried.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

In School Committee, May 26, 1874.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held, by adjournment, in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the twenty-sixth day of May, 1874, at half past seven o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the chair.

The President called the meeting to order.

Mr. Prescott moved, and it was voted, that the roll be called, to see if a quorum was present. The roll was called, and the following gentlemen were recorded as being absent, to wit: — Roll-call.

Messrs. Baldwin, Beckley, Campbell, Carty, Chaney, Chapin, Colman, Connor, Curtis, Daniels, Darling, Deblois, Dunn, Dunning, Emery, Fabyan, Fallon, Fennelly, Finney, Fitzgerald, Fogg, Fraser, Greene, Hayden, Hutchins, Kinsley, Kneeland, Learnard, Lloyd, Lothrop, Maguire, McDonald, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, Miles, Moran, Edward G. Morse, Moseley, Murphy, Noble, O'Connor, O'Kane, Ordway, Parker, Perkins, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 2, Quinn, Rankin, Ricker, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Southworth, Thayer, Tilden, Tucker, Underwood, Waldock, Willard, Williams, Wilson, Woods, and the President of the Common Council.

The Chair stated that a quorum of the members was not present, and declared the meeting adjourned. No quorum.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

In School Committee, June 2, 1874.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston — called by the President of the Board, at the request of Ira Allen, John P. Reynolds, Samuel B. Cruft, Henry S. Washburn, F. B. Beaumont, Lyman Mason, and George B. Neal — was held at the City Hall on Tuesday, the second day of June, 1874, at eight o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the Chair.

Absent.

Absent: Messrs. Badger, Beckley, Campbell, Colman, Connor, Deblois, Dunn, Emery, Fallon, Fitzgerald, Fogg, Frost, Hobbs, Hutchins, Kinsley, Kneeland, Lloyd, Maguire, McDonald, McKendry, Merrill, Miles, Moran, E. G. Morse, Murphy, O'Connor, O'Kane, Ordway, Plummer, Quinn, Shurtleff, Slade, Toland, Underwood, Waldock, Washburn, Wilson, and the President of the Common Council.

Regulations of the Latin School: amendments.

The Chair stated the business before the meeting to be the consideration of the order offered May 12th, as follows: —

Ordered, That Section 3 be altered to read as follows: —

Section 3. Each candidate for admission must be at least nine years old; he must bring a certificate of good character from the principal of the school which he last attended; must be able to read at first sight easy prose, and to spell all words of common occurrence, and must understand the simple rules of arithmetic.

Roll-call.

The question was taken upon the order, and no quorum voted. The roll was then called to see if a quorum were

present, and the names of the absentees were recorded as follows: —

Messrs. Badger, Beckley, Campbell, Colman, Connor, Deblois, Dunn, Emery, Fallon, Fennelly, Fitzgerald, Fogg, Frost, Hobbs, Hutchins, Kinsley, Kneeland, Leonard, Lloyd, Maguire, Marden, McDonald, McDonough, McKendry, Merrill, Miles, Moran, E. G. Morse, Murphy, O'Connor, O'Kane, Ordway, Plummer, Quinn, Read, Ricker, Shurtleff, Slade, Toland, Underwood, Waldock, Washburn, Willard, Wilson, and the President of the Common Council; whereby it appeared that there was a quorum present.

The question was then taken upon, and the order was adopted.

Latin School; Regulations amended.

Mr. Reynolds offered the following order, and moved a suspension of the rules for its passage. The rules were suspended, and the order was adopted as follows: —

Ordered, That in Chapter XIV, Section 5, in the first line, and in the same chapter, Section 7, in the first line, the word "nine" be substituted for "six."

The following teachers were confirmed: —

Teachers confirmed.

Prescott School District. — G. H. Tilden, an assistant, and Harriet E. Litchfield, a Primary teacher.

West Roxbury School District. — Ellen F. Howland and Sarah M. Hogan, Primary teachers.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

Chapman School District. — Calista W. McLoud, a Primary teacher, commencing March 25th.

Lewis School. — Florence E. Browne, an assistant, commencing May 1st.

Mather School District. — Louisa P. Smith, a Primary teacher, commencing May 1st.

Resignation of William Read.

The Chair read the resignation of William Read, as a member of the Board, and the resignation was accepted.

Committee to nominate a candidate.

The Chair appointed the following committee to nominate a candidate for filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of William Read, viz., Messrs. Flint, Mason, Gray, Cruft and Washburn.

Reports of Committee on School-houses, etc.

Mr. Tucker, Chairman of the Committee on School-houses, submitted reports on matters referred to that committee, and offered the following orders. The reports were accepted, and the orders adopted.

Chapman school-house; additional particulars.

1. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to purchase a lot of vacant land adjoining the lot on which the Chapman school-house stands, for the better accommodation of said school.

Prescott school-house; alterations in.

2. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to make such alterations in the Prescott school-house as are necessary to secure a passage-way from one corridor to the other, so that the pupils of said school can go to and from their different class rooms without passing through rooms occupied by other classes; also that a master's room be fitted up in said school-house.

Florence District: new Grammar School-house.

3. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to purchase a lot of land on or near Ashland street, West Roxbury, and erect thereon a school-house suitable for the accommodation of both Grammar and Primary classes of the Florence School District.

Charlestown-Prescott District. Primary accommodation.

4. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to furnish accommodations for an additional Primary school in the Charlestown-Prescott School District.

Lewis school yard.

Mr. Tucker, from the same committee, reported upon the order — March 10th — proposing the purchase of land for enlarging the school-yard of the Lewis School; that it is inexpedient to pass the order. Accepted.

Upon motion of Mr. Flint, —

Girls' High

Ordered, That the 22d and 23d of June be assigned

for the examination of candidates for admission to the Girls' High School.

Schools; examination for admission to.

Mr. Thayer offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Tuckerman Primary School be supplied with a set of Prang's Natural History Charts.

Prang's Natural History Charts.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Thayer offered the following: —

Ordered, That the sewing teacher in the Gaston school be employed to instruct all the classes, at the same rate for each room now paid.

Gaston School; teacher of sewing.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Mason moved a suspension of the rules to introduce the following as Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter XVII., — the sections following them to be numbered accordingly.

Roxbury High School; regulations.

Section 1. The Roxbury High School is established to furnish those boys and girls who have completed the course of study prescribed in the Grammar Schools with an opportunity of pursuing more advanced studies, and of completing a thorough and liberal English education. The following are the special regulations for this school in addition to the general regulations.

Section 2. The teachers shall be a head master, a master's assistant, and one head assistant, with as many assistants as may be found necessary, provided that the number of assistants shall not exceed one for every thirty pupils; also a special teacher for each of the following studies: French, German, Drawing, and Music.

Amendments were offered, and adopted as follows: —

1. By Mr. Dunning, to insert after the word *head-master*, in Section 2, the following: "who must be a graduate of a college in good standing."

2. By Mr. Prescott, to strike out, in Section 2, the word *thirty*, and insert instead "*thirty-five*."

Both amendments were adopted.

The two sections were then adopted.

Reports of Com. on Salaries

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Committee on Salaries, reported upon various orders referred to that Committee.

Salary of Rose Prescott.

1. (May 12th.) To pay Miss Rose Prescott the maximum salary of a Pimary teacher: — that the order ought not to pass. Accepted.

Salary of Miss H. A. Smith.

2. (May 12th.) That Miss H. A. Smith receive the second year's salary: — that said order ought not to pass. Accepted.

Salary of Miss E. M. Parker.

3. (May 12th.) That Miss E. M. Parker be paid the maximum salary of an assistant in the Bunker Hill School: — that the order ought to pass. Accepted, and the order was adopted.

Salary of teacher of French, Charlestown High School.

4. (March 10th.) That the salary of the teacher of French in the Charlestown High School be not exceeding six hundred dollars per annum: — recommending the passage of the order. Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of Elizabeth Gerry.

5. (May 12th.) That Elizabeth Gerry receive the maximum salary of an assistant: — that the order ought to pass. Accepted, and the order passed.

Communication from John D. Philbrick; report of committee on.

Mr. Lothrop, from the committee appointed May 12th, to consider and report what action should be taken upon the letter from John D. Philbrick, declining to be a candidate for re-election as Superintendent of Schools, — submitted, and read the report of that committee. The committee offered for adoption the following order: —

Ordered, That Mr. John D. Philbrick be requested to withdraw his letter of May 11th, declining to be a candidate for re-election as Superintendent of Public Schools.

Mr. Palmer moved as a substitute for the order, the following: —

Voted, That the letter of Mr. John D. Philbrick, declining a re-election as Superintendent of Public Schools, be received and be placed on file.

The motion to substitute was adopted; and then the substitute was adopted.

Eng. High School; salary of sub-master.

Mr. Lothrop offered the following orders. The first and second were referred to the Committee on Salaries; the third order was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations;—

1. *Ordered*, That the salaries of the sub-masters in the English High School be made to correspond to the salaries of the sub-masters of the Grammar schools, as heretofore; viz., — twenty-six hundred dollars.

2. *Ordered*, That whenever a sub-master of the English High School shall have served in that office for five years to the entire satisfaction of the committee of the school, he shall then receive the title of master, and an increase of salary of one hundred dollars a year, till his salary reaches the maximum salary of a master in said school.

Franklin Medals.

3. *Ordered*, That the Franklin Medals shall be divided not equally, but pro rata, according to the size of the graduating class in each school.

Mr. Lothrop offered the following: —

Eng. High School; committee on vacancy in the head mastership.

Ordered, That Sect. 4, of Chap. V., be suspended; and that the vacancy in the head-mastership of the English High School be referred to the Committee on the English High School, to be joined by two members from the committees of the other High Schools mentioned in said Sect. 4, — said two members to be appointed by the President of the Board.

Mr. Bennett moved so to amend the order that two members should be appointed from the said committees

and the other High School committees, and the amendment passed. The order as amended then passed.

It was subsequently voted, on motion of Mr. Lothrop, that the President nominate the said two members without submitting them to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Stedman: —

Com. on Accounts to report in print.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to report in print the expenditures of the Department of Public Schools for the financial year 1873–74.

Upon motion of Mr. Prescott: —

Vocal and Physical Culture.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider the expediency of abolishing that department of special instruction known as Vocal and Physical Culture.

Com. on Salaries to report in print.

Upon motion of Mr. Brown, the Committee on Salaries were voted leave to report in print.

Report of Com. on Evening Schools.

Mr. Curtis, Chairman of the Committee on Evening Schools, submitted the report of that committee, which the Board accepted.

Mr. Reynolds offered the following: —

Sessions of Latin, Normal, Eng. High, and Girls' High Schools.

Ordered, That from Monday, the eighth day of June, 1874, the Normal School, the Latin School, the English High School, and the Girls' High School, have two daily sessions each; a morning session, beginning at nine o'clock and ending at twelve, excepting on Wednesday and Saturday, on which days the morning sessions of these schools shall not end till one o'clock, — and an afternoon session from three till five.

Ordered, That the action of all rules and parts of rules which conflict with the foregoing provisions be suspended till the Board otherwise order.

Referred to the committees of the several schools named in the foregoing order, with instructions in each case to confer with the head master, and to report

in full at the regular meeting of the Board in July, their respective judgment in the matter, with a statement of reasons, if any there be, against or for the change proposed; and also to represent to the Board what number of their respective pupils would, in the event of the adoption of the order, require provision for obtaining dinner at or near the school-house.

Mr. Reynolds offered the three following orders: —

Sessions of Primary and Grammar Schools.

1. *Ordered*, That the Rules and Regulations, Chap. IX., Sect. 3, be so amended that the section shall stand as follows: —

"SECT. 3. The session of the Primary Schools shall begin at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and end at half-past twelve, with a recess for all pupils from half-past ten o'clock till eleven. There shall be two daily sessions of the Grammar Schools; a morning session beginning at nine o'clock and ending at twelve, with a recess of twenty minutes for all pupils, when one-half of the session has passed; and an afternoon session from two o'clock till four, without recess. *Provided*, That teachers may judiciously exercise the right to detain a pupil for a reasonable time after the regular hour for dismissing school, either for purposes of discipline, or to make up any neglected lesson."

2. *Ordered*, That the Rules and Regulations, Chap. IX., Sect. 4, be so amended that the section shall stand as follows: —

SECT. 4. When the weather is stormy, the Superintendent of Schools may dispense with the afternoon sessions of the Grammar Schools. This shall be made known by striking and repeating the number twenty-two upon the fire-alarm bells, at a quarter before twelve o'clock. The morning session of the Grammar Schools shall not in this case end till one o'clock.

Age of admission.

3. *Ordered*, That in the Rules and Regulations, Chap. IX., Sect. 31, in the second line the word "six" be substituted for "five."

The orders were severally referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Smalley offered the following: —

Mt. Vernon District, Primary Schools.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase land and erect a Primary School-house thereon, in the Mt. Vernon School District, West Roxbury. Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Wells District Committee; Mr. Cilley appointed.

The Chair appointed Mr. Cilley upon the Wells School District Committee. Confirmed.

Mr. Parker offered the following order: —

Seventeenth of June.

Ordered, That there be no session of the Public Schools of this city on Wednesday, June 17th.

Without taking definite action upon the order, the meeting, on motion of Mr. Allen, of Ward 1, adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 9, 1874.

A quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the ninth day of June, 1874, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Beckley, Bennett, Colman, Emery, Fogg, Hayden, Hutchins, Lloyd, Maguire, Moran, Murphy, O'Connor, Parker, Quinn, Tucker, Waldock, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The Chair stated the business before the meeting to be the order which was being considered at the last meeting, to wit: "That there be no session of the public schools of the city on Wednesday, June 17th." The Seventeenth of June.

The Chair put the question upon the order, but a quorum did not vote; whereupon it was voted that the roll be called, to see if a quorum were present. The roll was called, and the names of the absent members were recorded as follows, viz.: — Roll-call.

Messrs. Allen, of Ward 1, Beckley, Bennett, Campbell, Chaney, Chapin, Colman, Dunn, Emery, Fennelly, Filkins, Fitzgerald, Fogg, Foster, Hayden, Hutchins, Leonard, Lloyd, Maguire, McDonald, Miles, Moran, Murphy, Noble, O'Connor, Ordway, Parker, Peterson, Plummer, Prescott, Quinn, Rankin, Toland, Tucker, Waldock, Washburn, Wilson, and the President of the Common Council.

Seventy gentlemen responded as their names were called; and the Chair declared a quorum present.

The question was then taken upon the order, and it was lost, three-fourths of the members not voting in the affirmative.

Convention.

The Chair read the concurrence of the Mayor and Aldermen in the proposition of this Board for a convention for filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Breck.

The convention was held.

Mr. Norton, from the committee appointed to nominate a suitable candidate for filling the vacancy, reported the name of James H. Rice.

Mr. Baldwin proposed and advocated the election of Edward I. Galvin.

The Chair appointed Alderman Bigelow and Messrs. Norton and Hobbs, a committee to collect the ballots.

1st Ballot.

The committee proceeded, and afterwards reported that the whole number of votes was 87; that James H. Rice had 63; Edward I. Galvin had 23; Mr. Rogers 1. Sixty-five votes being necessary for a choice, there was no election, and the meeting proceeded to a second ballot.

2d Ballot.

The Chair appointed the same committee to collect the ballots; who reported that the whole number of ballots was 93. James H. Rice had 69; Edward I. Galvin had 24. Mr. Rice was declared elected.

James H. Rice elected.

The business of the convention having been accomplished, the two Boards separated.

Mr. Learnard in the Chair.

The following teachers were confirmed: —

Teachers confirmed, etc.

Comins School District. — Susan G. B. Garland and Ella R. Cole, assistants; and Helen O. Wyman, Elizabeth A. Colligan, and Mary J. Backup, Primary teachers.

Dearborn School. — Josephine A. Keniston, an assistant.

Norcross School. — Ellen T. Noonan, an assistant.

Winthrop School. — A. Meston, an assistant.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

Eliot School District. — Margaret E. Robinson, a Primary teacher, commencing Sept. 1st.

Lawrence School District. — M. A. A. Dolan, an assistant, commencing March 1st; and Elizabeth Crosby, a Primary teacher, commencing March 1st.

Wells School District. — Annabella Gould, a Primary teacher, commencing March 1st.

The resignations of the following teachers were presented and accepted: —

Chapman School District. — Harriet C. Bates, a Primary teacher, to take effect June 16th.

Eliot School District. — Mary A. J. Robinson, a Primary teacher, to take effect Sept. 1st.

Winthrop School District. — Almira Seymour, head assistant, and Rebecca R. Thayer, a Primary teacher.

Mr. Mason, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom the matter had been referred, submitted reports as follows: — Reports Committee on Rules and Regulations: Franklin Medals.

1. Upon the order — June 2d — to provide that the Franklin Medals shall be apportioned to the Latin and the English High School, according to the size of the graduating classes in the two schools; recommending the passage of the order.

The report was accepted and the order adopted.

2. Upon the order — March 10th — to authorize the committee on the Charlestown High School to employ a teacher of French; that the order ought to pass and become one of the established regulations of that school. Charlestown High School: teacher of French.

Accepted and the order passed.

3. Upon the order — June 2d — directing the committee to consider the expediency of abolishing that department Vocal and Physical Culture.

of special instruction known as Vocal and Physical Culture. The committee reported adversely to doing away with the instruction, and recommended that the committee on that branch consider and report to this Board the best method of making instruction therein vastly more efficient than it now is.

Accepted, and the recommendation adopted.

Quarterly Reports.

The quarterly reports were presented and accepted; with the exception of the reports of the committees on the Roxbury High and Brighton High Schools, and the Prescott, Tileston, Bunker Hill, and Brighton School Districts, who were allowed further time.

In connection with the quarterly report upon the Latin School the following order was offered: —

Latin School: regulations.

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations, Chapter XIV., Section 2, be so amended that it shall read as follows: —

Sect. 2. This school shall be taught by a head-master, and as many masters, sub-masters, and ushers, as shall allow one instructor for every thirty-five scholars, with permission to appoint an additional instructor for an excess of twenty scholars. In the upper four classes the department of English Classics, of Latin, of Mathematics, and of Greek, shall each be entrusted to one or more of the instructors just mentioned; two others of them shall undertake respectively the teaching of the Natural Sciences, and that of History with Geography, in all the classes; the head-master having, in every instance, supervision and control. A special teacher shall be appointed for each of the modern languages taught, and special instruction shall be provided in Drawing, in Music, and in Gymnastics, under the direction of the appropriate committees.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Smalley offered the following orders: —

1. *Ordered*, That the West Roxbury District Committee be authorized to procure assistants for the masters' divisions of the Florence and Mount Vernon schools; services to commence at the opening of the schools in September.

Florence and Mt. Vernon Schools: assistants in masters' classes.

Referred to the Committee on the condition and organization of the schools in the newly annexed wards.

2. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to remove the furniture of the Primary schools on Eliot street, West Roxbury, to the two lower rooms in Village Hall, on Thomas street, at the commencement of the summer vacation, and fit up the same for the use of the above schools.

West Roxbury: Primary Schools.

Referred, with full powers, to the Committee on School Houses and School Sections.

Mr. Brown offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to place close shutters upon the windows of one room in the Brimmer School-house, that it may be used for philosophical illustrations of optics and light; also that a room on the floor with the hall be fitted for the use of the master of the school.

Brimmer School-house: alterations.

Referred to the Committee on School-Houses and School-Sections.

Mr. Washburn offered the following: —

Ordered, That all graduates of Grammar schools who have an average of seventy per cent. on their annual examinations shall, on the certificate of the principal of the school to this effect, be admitted to the several High Schools without an examination.

Admissions from Gram. to High Schools: seventy per cent. on examinations.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Upon motion of Mr. Fitzgerald: —

Ordered, That, hereafter, no member, unless by consent of the majority of the Board present, shall be

No member to speak longer than

three minutes.

allowed to speak on any subject under discussion for a longer period than three minutes.

Death of George Fabyan.

Mr. Tilden announced to the Board the death of George Fabyan, and offered the following: —

By the permission of Divine Providence, Dr. George Fabyan, a member of this Board from Ward 4, has been suddenly called from us by death. Therefore, —

Resolutions.

Resolved, That, while we reverently recognize the hand of God in bereavement, and submissively bow to his will, even in affliction, this Board would express the loss it has sustained in the death of a true and earnest friend of education, ever prompt in his official duties; an associate highly esteemed for his dignified, courteous and genial bearing; and a man sincerely honored for his firmly conscientious integrity, and faithfully Christian character.

Resolved, That we extend our sympathies to his sorrowing family and friends in this their great bereavement and irreparable loss.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered in the records of this meeting, and a copy of them be sent to his family.

Election of head-masters, masters and principals.

Upon motion of Mr. Shattuck, the Board proceeded, in secret session, to elect the head-masters, and the masters and principals of the Grammar Schools.

Voted, on motion of Mr. Prescott, that any new nomination made be stated to the Board to be such.

The several committees were called upon to make nominations for the places to be filled.

The Committee upon the English High School, and the Committee on the Brighton Harvard School, were both granted further time in which to make their nominations.

The Chair appointed a committee to collect the ballots,

consisting of Messrs. Foster, Deblois, Ricker, Brown and Toland.

The nominations of the several committees having been received, the Board proceeded to ballot.

The committee appointed to receive, assort and count the ballots, reported that the whole number of ballots was 87; and that the following-named persons, respectively, had the number of ballots set against their names, to wit:—For head-master of the Latin School, Francis Gardner, 70; for head-master of the Girls' High School, Samuel Eliot, 86; for head-master of the Normal School, Larkin Dunton, 86; for head-master of the Roxbury High School, Samuel M. Weston, 83; for head-master of the Dorchester High School, Elbridge Smith, 86; for head-master of the West Roxbury High School, E. W. Howe, 87; for head-master of the Brighton High School, Benjamin Wormelle, 85; for head-master of the Charlestown High School, Caleb Emery, 86; and for masters and principals of the several Grammar Schools, as follows:—

Adams School — Robert C. Metcalf, 87.
Andrew School — Leander Waterman, 87.
Bigelow School — Thomas H. Barnes, 86.
Bowditch School — Alfred Hewins, 87.
Bowdoin School — Daniel C. Brown, 86.
Brimmer School — Joshua Bates, 86.
Chapman School — George R. Marble, 86.
Comins School — Daniel W. Jones, 83.
Dearborn School — William H. Long, 87.
Dorchester-Everett School — Roland F. Alger, 87.
Dudley School (*Princ.*) — Sarah J. Baker, 87.
Dwight School — James A. Page, 87.
Eliot School — Samuel W. Mason, 87.
Everett School — George B. Hyde, 86.

Franklin School — Granville B. Putnam, 87.
Gaston School — C. Goodwin Clark, 85.
Gibson School — William E. Endicott, 86.
Hancock School — James W. Webster, 65.
Harris School — Edwin T. Horne, 87.
Lawrence School — Amos M. Leonard, 87.
Lewis School — Wm. L. P. Boardman, 85.
Lincoln School — Alonzo G. Ham, 81.
Lyman School — Hosea H. Lincoln, 86.
Mather School — Daniel B. Hubbard, 87.
Mayhew School — Samuel Swan, 87.
Minot School — Joseph T. Ward, Jr., 87.
Norcross School — Josiah A. Stearns, 78.
Phillips School — James Hovey, 83.
Prescott School — James F. Blackinton, 87.
Quincy School — E. Frank Wood, 86.
Rice School — Lucius A. Wheelock, 85.
Sherwin School — Silas C. Stone, 86.
Shurtleff School — Henry C. Hardon, 86.
Stoughton School — Edward M. Lancaster, 86.
Tileston School — Henry B. Miner, 87.
Washington School — Leverett M. Chase, 82.
Wells School — Rodney G. Chase, 60.
Winthrop School — Robert Swan, 87.
Mount Vernon School (*Princ.*) — Abner J. Nutter, 87.
Central School (*Princ.*) — John P. Gibson, 87.
Florence School (*Princ.*) — Artemas Wiswell, 87.
Hillside School (*Princ.*) — Albert F. Ring, 85.
Bennett School (*Princ.*) — E. H. Hammond, 87.
Bunker Hill School (*Princ.*) — Samuel J. Bullock, 87.
Charlestown-Winthrop School (*Princ.*) — Caleb Murdock, 86.
Warren School (*Princ.*) — George Swan, 86.

Charlestown-Prescott School (*Princ.*) — George T. Littlefield, 86.

Charlestown-Harvard School (*Princ.*) — W. E. Eaton, 86.

Sixty votes, by the rules of the Board, being required for a choice, all of the foregoing were declared elected.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop, the Committee on Text-books, were authorized to report in print.

Com. on Text-books to report in print.

Mr. Baldwin offered the following: —

Convention proposed.

Whereas, Vacancies exist in this Board, caused by the death of George Fabyan, of Ward 4, and the resignation of William Read, of Ward 10,—

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Mayor and Aldermen, proposing a Convention on Tuesday, the 23d day of June, 1874, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of filling said vacancies; and that public notice be given of the same pursuant to law.

The order passed.

Committee to nominate candidate.

The Chair appointed the following committee to nominate a candidate for filling the vacancy caused by the death of George Fabyan, viz.: —

Messrs. Tilden, Shurtleff, Palmer, Ricker, and Mason.

Election of subordinate teachers, etc.

On motion of Mr. Ordway, the Board voted to proceed to elect the subordinate and the Primary teachers, and the special instructors; and then, on motion of the same gentleman, adjourned.

Adjournment.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 16, 1874.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held, by adjournment, at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the sixteenth day of June, 1874, at eight o'clock, P. M. Mr. Learnard in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Beaumont, Beckley, Campbell, Carty, Colman, Curtis, Deblois, Dunning, Emery, Fennelly, Fogg, Frost, Hayden, Hobbs, Hutchins, Miles, Moran, Moseley, Murphy, O'Connor, Parker, Rankin, Reed, Underwood, Waldock, Willard, the President of the Board, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

Mr. Ordway moved that the Secretary be instructed to record, in the proceedings of the meetings, the names of members of the Board who come in after the *calling of the roll.*

Mr. Mason moved an amendment, — that members coming late to the meetings notify the Secretary of their being present.

The amendment passed; and the motion of Mr. Ordway, as amended, was adopted.

The business before the meeting being the election of teachers, Mr. Reynolds moved, and it was voted, that the Board receive a report from the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Reports of Com. on Rules and Regulations. Latin School; regulations amended.

Mr. Mason, Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, then submitted and read the report of that committee upon the order referred to them June 9th, — page 82 of the Minutes, — proposing changes in the regulations of the Latin School, Chap. XIV., Sect. 2; recommending the passage of the order. The report was accepted and the order passed.

Admissions from Gram. to High Schools: seventy per cent. on examinations.

Mr. Mason, from the same committee, by consent of the Board, read the report upon the order referred to the committee June 9th, with respect to the admission to the High Schools of graduates from the Grammar Schools, — page 83 of the Minutes.

The committee recommended for trial the present year the method embraced in the following order: —

Ordered, That all graduates of the Grammar Schools who have successfully passed the examination of their respective school committees, and obtained their diplomas, shall be furnished with certificates thereof by the chairmen of their respective school committees; and, if also furnished with certificates of good character from their last instructors, respectively, as required by the rules of this Board, shall, on presenting the same to the head masters of the High Schools of their respective sections, be entitled to admission to such High Schools, except the Latin School, without re-examination.

The Board rejected motions to postpone indefinitely, and to lay upon the table and print the report.

The question was then taken upon the order reported by the committee, and it was adopted.

Annual election of Instructors.

The Board proceeding now to the regular business of the meeting, Mr. Washburn moved that the lists of teachers nominated for election be received; and that all lists in which changes are proposed by the committees be passed over.

Mr. Prescott offered the following substitute: —

Ordered, That the nominations of the teachers in the several High, Grammar, and Primary Schools be received, and be referred to the Committee on Accounts; said committee to report, at an adjourned meeting, whether the number of pupils in the several schools warrants the election of all the teachers thus nominated; and, if

not, in what schools and districts said lists should be amended: the Committee on Accounts being instructed, in deciding the due number of teachers in a school, to take the number of scholars present in that school on the first day of the month of March preceding, as the basis of their judgment in the matter.

Mr. Stedman moved, and it was voted, to amend the substitute by substituting for the Committee on Accounts a special committee of five.

The question now being upon the substitute as amended, the yeas and nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. Prescott, and were taken, as follows: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 1, Brown, Chaney, Chapin, Connor, Cruft, Dillaway, Dunn, Filkins, Finney, Foster, Greene, Kinsley, Kneeland, Marden, Mason, Merrill, James Morse, Neal, Noble, Perkins, Peterson, Plummer, Prescott, Reynolds, Southworth, Stedman, Thayer, Tilden, Tucker, Williams, Wilson, Woods, and Wright. — 36.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Badger, Bennett, Blakemore, Chapman, Cilley, Daniels, Darling, Fallon, Fitzgerald, Flint, Fraser, Leavitt, Leonard, Lloyd, Lothrop, McDonald, McDonough, McKendry, E. G. Morse, Norton, O'Kane, Ordway, Palmer, Porter, of Ward 16, Porter, of Ward 2, Rice, Ricker, Seaverns, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Slade, Smalley, Toland, Tripp, Washburn, Wentworth, and Williamson, — 39.

Thirty-six gentlemen voted yes, and thirty-nine gentlemen voted no; so the substitute was not adopted.

The question was then taken upon the original motion, — Mr. Washburn's, — and the motion was adopted.

The several committees then made their nominations of subordinate and Primary teachers, of special instructors, and of teachers of the schools for Licensed Minors,

the School for Deaf Mutes, and the Kindergarten School.

The question then being upon confirming the nominations thus made, Mr. Noble called for a division of the question, that the several lists of nominations might be acted upon separately, which was voted.

Upon motion of Mr. Ordway, it was voted that, when the Board adjourn, it adjourn to Tuesday, the 23d inst., at half past seven o'clock, P. M.

The nominations made by the following-named committees were then confirmed, to wit, — on the English High School, the Normal School, the Roxbury High School, and the Andrew, Bigelow, Bowditch, Bowdoin, Chapman, Comins, Dearborn, Dorchester-Everett, Eliot, Franklin, Gaston, Gibson, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Mayhew, Minot, and Norcross School Districts.

Voted, on motion of Mr. O'Kane, to re-commit the nominations of the Committee on the Hancock School.

A motion was made to re-commit the nominations made by the Committee on the Phillips School District; but, before taking the question, on motion of Mr. Toland, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 23, 1874.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held by adjournment at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the 23d day of June, 1874, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. Mr. Learnard in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 1, Badger, Beckley, Bennett, Campbell, Colman, Curtis, Dunning, Emery, Fogg, Frost, Hayden, Hutchins, Leonard, Maguire, McDonough, McKendry, Moran, Edward G. Morse, Moseley, Rankin, Tucker, Waldock, Willard, Williamson, Wilson, Wright, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The Chair read the concurrence of the Mayor and Aldermen in the proposition of this Board for a convention for the purpose of filling the vacancies in the School Committee, caused by the death of George Fabyan, of Ward 4, and the resignation of William Read, of Ward 10.

The convention was held. His Honor the Mayor in the Chair. Convention held.

Mr. Tilden, from the committee appointed to nominate a candidate for filling the vacancy caused by the death of George Fabyan, of Ward 4, reported the name of Rev. J. W. Hamilton.

Mr. Stedman proposed and advocated the election of Adino B. Hall.

The Chair appointed Alderman Harris, and Messrs. Flint and Tilden a committee to collect the ballots. 1st ballot.

The Board then balloted, and the committee reported the following as the result: —

Whole number of ballots, 74; necessary for a choice, under the statutes, 65. George F. Bigelow had 4; Rev. J. W. Hamilton had 27; Adino B. Hall had 43; and there was no choice.

2d ballot. A second ballot was held, with the following result: —

Whole number of ballots, 82. Rev. J. W. Hamilton had 24; Adino B. Hall had 58; and there was no choice.

3d ballot. A third ballot was held, which resulted as follows: —

Whole number of ballots, 84. Rev. J. W. Hamilton had 21; Adino B. Hall had 63; and there was no choice.

4th ballot. A fourth ballot gave the following result: —

Whole number of ballots, 83. Rev. J. W. Hamilton had 20; Adino B. Hall had 63. There being no choice, the Board balloted again, and the following was the result: —

5th ballot. Adino B. Hall chosen. Whole number of ballots, 83. Rev. J. W. Hamilton had 18; Adino B. Hall had 65. Sixty-five votes being necessary for a choice, Mr. Hall was declared elected.

Mr. Flint, from the committee appointed to nominate a candidate for filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of William Read, of Ward 10, reported the name of George F. Bigelow.

The Chair appointed Alderman Hall, and Messrs. Baldwin and Blakemore a committee to collect the ballots. The committee proceeded, and reported the result of the balloting to be as follows: —

1st ballot. Whole number of ballots, 75. Rev. Sherwood Healy had 2; Godfrey Morse had 5; E. R. Frost had 5; George F. Bigelow had 63. Sixty-five votes being necessary for a choice, no person was elected; and the Board proceeded to a second ballot, with the following result: —

2d ballot. Whole number of ballots, 81. A. B. Hall had 1; Rev. Sherwood Healy had 2; Godfrey Morse had 7;

E. R. Frost had 11; George F. Bigelow had 60; and there was no choice.

Proceeded to a third ballot, with the following result: Whole number of ballots, 80. Rev. Sherwood Healy had 2; Godfrey Morse had 6; E. R. Frost had 13; George F. Bigelow had 59; and there was no choice. 3d ballot.

Proceeded to a fourth ballot. The whole number of ballots, 82. Rev. Sherwood Healy had 2; Godfrey Morse had 7; E. R. Frost had 10; George F. Bigelow had 63; and there was no choice. 4th ballot.

Proceeded to a fifth ballot. The whole number of ballots was 81. Rev. Sherwood Healy had 2; Godfrey Morse had 5; E. R. Frost had 9; George F. Bigelow had 65. Sixty-five being the number necessary for a choice, Mr. Bigelow was declared elected. 5th ballot. Geo. F. Bigelow chosen.

The business of the convention having been accomplished, the two Boards separated.

Mr. Learnard in the Chair.

The Chair appointed Mr. Rice, of Ward 19, upon the following committees to fill vacancies caused by the resignation of Mr. Breck, to wit: on the Girls' High School, the Roxbury High School, the Brighton High School, and the Brighton School District. James H. Rice appointed to fill vacancies in committees.

Upon motion of Mr. Kneeland, the Board voted to adjourn, when it should adjourn, to Tuesday evening, June 30th, at eight o'clock. Adjournment.

The Chair stated the business before the meeting to be upon the question which was under consideration June 16th, as to recommitting to the Phillips School District Committee the nominations of teachers for re-election made by that committee. The question was taken upon the motion to recommit said nominations, and the motion did not pass. The subject was then, on motion of Mr. Toland, laid upon the table. Annual election of Instructors.

Reconsideration of confirmations of teachers. Yeas and nays.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved a reconsideration of the votes confirming the teachers nominated for re-election.

Mr. Toland moved and it was voted to take the question by yeas and nays; and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: —

Yeas: Messrs.. Adams, of Ward 16, Baldwin, Blakemore, Brown, Carty, Connor, Cruft, Deblois, Fallon, Fennelly, Filkins, Finney, Fitzgerald, Flint, Foster, Greene, Kneeland, Means, Merrill, James Morse, Neale, Noble, Norton, Palmer, Parker, Peterson, Plummer, Prescott, Reed, Reynolds, Rice, Southworth, Stedman, Toland, Woods. — 35.

Nays: Messrs. Allen, of Ward 12, Beaumont, Chapin, Chapman, Cilley, Daniels, Darling, Dillaway, Fraser, Hobbs, Kinsley, Leavitt, Lloyd, Lothrop, Marden, McDonald, Miles, Murphy, O'Connor, O'Kane, Ordway, Perkins, Porter, of Ward 2, Ricker, Seaverns, Shattuck, Slade, Smalley, Tripp, Underwood, Wentworth, Williams. — 32.

Thirty-five gentlemen voted yea, and thirty-two gentlemen voted nay; so the motion to reconsider passed.

Nominations referred to a special committee.

Mr. Fitzgerald then moved that the nominations of teachers for re-election be referred to a special committee of seven, to inquire and to report at the next meeting in what schools and districts the rules fixing the number of pupils to each teacher are violated; and, also, to report what schools and districts shall be excepted from the application of the rules; the Chairmen to be notified, that they may appear and be heard before the committee.

The motion passed.

Committee appointed.

The Chair appointed, agreeably to the above vote, the following as the committee, viz.: Messrs. Fitzgerald, Palmer, Chapin, Foster, James Morse, Blakemore, and Brown.

Mr. Toland nominated upon probation Miss Elizabeth Crawford, a Primary teacher in the Lawrence School District, commencing March 1, 1874. Teachers nominated.

Mr. Merrill submitted and read the report of the Committee on Accounts, in accordance with the rules of the Board requiring the committee to nominate suitable persons for truant officers, at the regular meeting in June. Report of Committee on Accounts.

The committee unanimously recommended the re-election of the present incumbents; and also recommended the appointment of one of the number as *executive officer*, " who shall make up the several reports, and represent the force at all times."

The committee proposed to re-district the city, commencing with the first of September, — whereby the work should be more evenly distributed, and the appointment of additional officers rendered unnecessary.

The following are the nominations for truant officers: Chase Cole, executive officer; Phineas Bates, George M. Felch, C. E. Turner, J. T. Beers, A. M. Leavitt, Samuel McIntosh, E. F. Mecuen, J. M. Swett, J. P. Leeds, C. S. Wooffindale, S. P. White, H. McDonald, and H. F. Ripley. Truant officers elected.

The committee recommended that the salary of the executive officer be fixed at $1,350; and the salaries of the other officers at $1,200, as heretofore, to commence September 1st. Truant officers' salaries.

The committee also recommended the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider the expediency of so amending the rules as to provide for the appointment of a special committee on Truant Officers. Passed. Special committee on truant officers.

The nominations of the committee were confirmed.

The Board adopted the recommendation of the committee that Chase Cole be appointed *executive officer.*

Upon the question of the salaries of the officers, Mr. Carty moved a reference to the Committee on Salaries; which motion passed.

Teachers of Music elected.

Mr. Ordway made the following nominations for teachers of Music for the ensuing school-year, to wit: — Julius Eichberg, General Supervisor; Messrs. H. E. Holt, Joseph B. Sharland, Hiram Wilde, J. Munroe Mason, C. E. Whiting and Miss L. Garlin, with one vacancy, to be filled hereafter, the salaries to remain as heretofore, unless otherwise ordered. The nominations were confirmed.

Salaries of Music teachers.

To the proposition with respect to the salaries, Mr. Stedman moved the following amendment: —

Provided, that the compensation voted to the teachers of Music shall be in full for all services rendered the city in that department, including the musical exhibitions.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, moved that the matter of the salaries of the teachers of Music, with the amendment, be referred to the Committee on Salaries, and it was so voted.

Teachers of Drawing nominated.

Mr. Perkins made the following nominations for teachers of Drawing for the ensuing school-year, to wit: — Walter Smith, General Supervisor; special instructors, Charles A. Barry, Henry Hitchings, Benjamin F. Nutting, Edward K. Clark, Lucas Baker, Mercy A. Bailey, Mary Carter.

On motion of Mr. Filkins, the matter of the confirmation of the nominations was postponed till the next meeting.

Hancock School District;

Mr. Slade reported back to the Board the list of teachers nominated for re-election in the Hancock School

District, which the Board at the previous meeting recommitted to that committee. Accepted. list of teachers.

Mr. Reed offered the following order: —

Ordered, That Allen & Greenough's Latin Grammar, and Leighton's Latin Lessons be substituted for the corresponding books now in use in the Latin School. Latin School; text-books.

Referred to the Committee on Text-books.

Mr. Shattuck offered the following order: —

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the subject of Sewing in the Public Schools, and to present to this Board such changes, if any, as may seem to them advisable in that branch of instruction. Sewing; special committee on.

Before action was had upon the order, it was found that there was not a quorum of the Board present, whereupon the meeting adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 30, 1874.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held, by adjournment, in the Common Council Chamber, on Tuesday, the thirtieth day of June, 1874, at eight o'clock, P. M. Mr. Learnard in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Allen, of Ward 14, Badger, Baldwin, Beckley, Chaney, Coleman, Curtis, Emery, Fennelly, Fogg, Hutchins, Kinsley, Leonard, Maguire, Marden, Mason, Moseley, Murphy, Rankin, Toland, Waldock, Washburn, the President of the Board, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

Before proceeding to the regular business of the meeting, Mr. Fitzgerald, on motion of Mr. Flint, was allowed to read a paper, which he then read, being a recent Act of the Legislature upon the subject of the legality of women serving upon the School Committee. Legality of Women serving upon the School Committee.

The Chair appointed Mr. Hall to fill vacancies in the following committees, viz. :—The Roxbury High School, the Charlestown High School, and the Bowdoin, Mayhew and Phillips School Districts. Vacancies filled in Committees.

The Chair likewise appointed Mr. Bigelow upon the committees on the Kindergarten School, the Roxbury High School, and the Franklin and Rice School Districts, in place of William Read, resigned; and Mr. Tilden on the Committee on Vocal and Physical Culture, etc.; all of which the Board confirmed.

The Chair now put the question upon the order which was before the Board at the last meeting, when it adjourned, to wit: — as to appointing a committee of Sewing: special committee on.

five upon the subject of Sewing in the Public Schools, etc.; and the order passed.

Committee appointed.

Agreeably to the foregoing order, the Chair appointed the following committee, viz.: Messrs. Shattuck, Connor, Chaney, Cruft and Daniels.

Head-master of the English High School: Report of Committee.

Mr. Lothrop read the report of the committee on the examination of candidates for the place of head-master of the English High School, presenting to the Board the names of Edwin P. Seaver, Assistant Professor of Mathematics in Harvard College, and Luther W. Anderson, a master in the English School, as the first and second choice of the committee.

In addition to the report of the committee, Mr. Lothrop made a verbal statement of the facts concerning the candidates for the position to be filled; after which, on motion of the same gentleman, the Board voted to proceed to ballot.

Election of a head-master.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Noble, Dunn and Darling a committee to collect the ballots.

The committee proceeded, and afterwards reported that the whole number of ballots was 83; that Edwin P. Seaver had 59; Luther W. Anderson had 17; Ephraim Hunt had 5; Mr. Spencer and Gen'l Thomas Sherwin had 1 each. Sixty votes by the rules being necessary for a choice, no person was elected, and the Board proceeded to ballot again.

The same committee served to collect the ballots, and they reported as the result of the balloting, that the whole number of ballots was 84; that Edwin P. Seaver had 78; Luther W. Anderson had 5; Ephraim Hunt had 1; whereupon it appeared that Mr. Edwin P. Seaver was chosen, and it was so declared.

Edwin P. Seaver chosen.

James Waldock excused

The Chair read a communication from James Waldock, asking to be excused from further service on the Com-

mittee on Evening Schools. The question was taken thereon and the request was granted. from Committee on Evening Schools.

The Chair appointed Mr. Williams upon the Committee on Evening Schools in place of Mr. Waldock, excused, and the nomination was confirmed. Franklin Williams appointed thereto.

Mr. Hobbs offered the following order: —

Ordered, That Daniel W. Jones be transferred from the mastership of the Comins to the mastership of the Lowell School, — the transfer to take effect at the commencement of the next school year. Lowell School Mastership; Daniel W. Jones elected by transfer.

Mr. Reynolds moved, as a substitute for the motion of Mr. Hobbs, that Mr. Alfred Hewins, master of the Bowditch School, be transferred to the mastership of the Lowell School.

After considerable debate, the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. James Morse.

On motion of Mr. Brown, it was voted to take the question by yeas and nays; and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: —

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Blakemore, Brown, Connor, Daniels, Fallon, Fitzgerald, Foster, Fraser, Greene, Hall, Hayden, Leavitt, McDonough, O'Connor, Ordway, Palmer, Porter, of Ward 16, Prescott, Reynolds, Shattuck, Stedman, Tilden, Tripp, and Wentworth. — 25. Yeas and nays.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 1, Beaumont, Bennett, Carty, Chapin, Chapman, Cruft, Deblois, Dillaway, Dunn, Dunning, Filkins, Finney, Flint, Frost, Hobbs, Kneeland, Lloyd, Lothrop, Means, Merrill, Miles, Moran, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, Neal, Noble, O'Kane, Parker, Perkins, Peterson, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 2, Reed, Rice, Ricker, Seaverns, Shurtleff, Slade,

Smalley, Southworth, Thayer, Tucker, Underwood, Willard, Williams, Williamson, Wilson and Wright. — 51.

Twenty-five gentlemen voted yea, and fifty-one gentlemen voted nay. So the substitute was lost.

The question was then taken upon the original order, and the order was adopted.

Adjournment.

Upon motion of Mr. Merrill, it was voted that when the Board adjourn, it adjourn to Tuesday, the fourteenth day of July, at eight o'clock, P.M.

Teachers of Drawing.

Upon motion of Mr. Filkins, the Board took up the matter of the confirmation of the teachers of Drawing, which was at the last meeting postponed to this meeting.

Mr. Morse moved the previous question upon confirming the nominations; but, before deciding this, Mr. Lothrop moved that the roll be called to see if a quorum was present; and the motion passed.

Roll-call.

The roll was called, and the following gentlemen responded as their names were called, to wit: —

Messrs. Allen, of Ward 1, Brown, Carty, Chapin, Daniels, Darling, Dillaway, Finney, Fitzgerald, Flint, Foster, Greene, Hall, Hayden, Hobbs, Kneeland, Learnard, Lloyd, Lothrop, McDonough, Means, Merrill, Miles, Neal, Noble, O'Connor, O'Kane, Ordway, Palmer, Parker, Perkins, Peterson, Plummer, Prescott, Reed, Reynolds, Shattuck, Slade, Southworth, Thayer, Tilden, Underwood, Wentworth, Willard, Williams, Wilson, Woods, and Wright; — whereby it appeared that only forty-eight gentlemen were present, and not a quorum.

No quorum.

The meeting then, on motion of Mr. Wentworth, adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, July 14, 1874.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held, by adjournment, in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of July, 1874, at eight o'clock, P. M. Mr. William H. Learnard, Jr., in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Allen, of Ward 14, Baldwin, Beckley, Bennett, Bigelow, Carty, Colman, Connor, Curtis, Dunn, Emery, Fennelly, Fogg, Foster, Fraser, Gray, Kinsley, Lloyd, Maguire, Mason, McDonald, Means, Merrill, Moran, Murphy, Noble, O'Connor, Quinn, Rankin, Ricker, Shurtleff, Waldock, Washburn, Willard, the President of the Board, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The Chair put the motion of Mr. James Morse, made at the last meeting, on ordering the main question upon the confirmation of the nominations of the teachers of Drawing, and it was voted that the main question be now taken. Teachers of Drawing elected.

Mr. Filkins moved, and it was voted to take the question separately upon each of the said nominations. The question was so taken, and the several nominations were confirmed. (Page 98 of the Minutes.)

Mr. Fitzgerald submitted a preamble, stating the vacancies existing in the School Committee, and an order proposing a convention for filling the said vacancies. Vacancies in the Board.

Mr. Darling objected to the consideration of the matter at this time.

The Chair ruled that the matter could be considered only upon a vote of the Board to that effect.

A motion was immediately made to consider the subject, upon which the yeas and nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, and were taken as follows: —

Yeas and Nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 1, Blakemore, Chaney, Chapman, Cruft, Dillaway, Fitzgerald, Flint, Frost, Greene, Hayden, Kneeland, McDonough, McKendry, Miles, Moseley, Perkins, Peterson, Porter, of Ward 16, Porter, of Ward 2, Prescott, Reed, Rice, Seaverns, Smalley, Stedman, Thayer, Tilden, Tripp, Underwood, Williams, Wilson, Woods, and Wright. — 35.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Allen of Ward 12, Badger, Beaumont, Brown, Campbell, Chapin, Cilley, Daniels, Darling, Deblois, Dunning, Fallon, Filkins, Finney, Hall, Hobbs, Hutchins, Leavitt, Marden, E. G. Morse, James Morse, Neal, Norton, O'Kane, Ordway, Palmer, Parker, Plummer, Reynolds, Shattuck, Slade, Southworth, Toland, Tucker, Wentworth, and Williamson. — 37.

Thirty-five gentlemen voted yea, and thirty-seven gentlemen voted nay; so the decision of the Chair was sustained. Mr. Fitzgerald withdrew his paper.

Annual election of Instructors; Report of special committee on nominations.

Mr. Fitzgerald, from the Special Committee, to whom were referred, June 22d, the nominations of teachers for re-election, submitted the report of that committee.

Upon motion of Mr. Prescott, the report was considered and acted upon with respect to each of the schools and districts separately.

The subordinate teachers of the various grades, and the Primary teachers, with the exception of the nominations for the Prescott District, which were re-committed, were then confirmed; the rules being suspended in cases where the number of the teachers nominated was in ex-

cess of the number allowed by the rules of the Board. The teachers in the School for Deaf Mutes and the Kindergarten School were also confirmed.

Previous to the confirmations the resignations were presented and accepted of Hannah W. Heath and Caroline A. Rea, Primary teachers in the Charlestown-Harvard School District. Mr. Lothrop withdrew the nomination of Charles H. Cumston, a sub-master in the English High School; and Mr. Ordway offered the following, which the Board adopted: —

Whereas, Mr. L. B. Pillsbury committed a gross and unwarrantable act upon a dog, in the Charlestown High School; therefore, —

Resolved, That, in case of the re-election of Mr. Pillsbury, the committee of the above school shall inform him that this Board hereby expresses its unqualified censure of the act, and its regret therefor; and that it overlooks this misdeed only from the fact that the committee say that, in a long and faithful service of this teacher, it is his first offence, and that his uniform kindness stamps the act more as an error of the head than of the heart.

Mr. Fitzgerald offered the following: —

Vacancies in the Board: Convention proposed.

Whereas, Vacancies exist in this Board, caused by the Board's declaring one member from Ward 6, one member from Ward 11, one member from Ward 14, and one member from Ward 9, ineligible to serve, on account of sex, —

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Mayor and Aldermen, proposing a convention on the second Tuesday in September next, at seven and a half o'clock, P.M., for the purpose of filling said vacancies; and that public notice be given of the same, pursuant to law.

The order passed.

Voted, That the Chair be allowed to appoint the sev-

eral committees to nominate to the Board suitable candidates for filling the vacancies, in the interim before the holding of the convention.

Adjournment.

Upon motion of Mr. Flint, the Board voted that, when it adjourn, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday, September first, at half past seven o'clock, P.M.

Schools in West Roxbury, Brighton and Charlestown; Report of Committee of Inquiry.

Mr. Finney moved, and it was voted, to take up the report of the committee appointed, January 12th, to inquire into the condition and organization of the schools in Wards 17, 19, 20, 21; and 22, — said committee having presented their report in print.

The committee unanimously recommended the adoption of the following orders: —

1. *Ordered*, That the text-books now in use in the schools of the Charlestown, Brighton and West Roxbury Districts be retained in said schools; provided that, whenever the members of the committee from either of said districts unite in thinking it expedient to make a change, such change shall be made in such district by adopting the corresponding text-books authorized by this Board for the schools of the City of Boston; — said adoption to be made only in accordance with the provisions of sect. 7, chap. IV., of the Rules.

2. *Ordered*, That the High schools of Charlestown, Brighton and West Roxbury be placed on the same basis, as regards the employment of special instructors, as the other High schools of the city.

3. *Ordered*, That the present Superintendent of the Charlestown schools be appointed as a special instructor for the districts of Charlestown, Brighton and West Roxbury, to serve under the direction of the Committee on Text-Books, in conjunction with the Superintendent.

4. *Ordered*, That the subject of redistricting the schools in the lately annexed wards, and the subject of

abolishing the mixed system in Charlestown, be referred to the Committee on School Houses and School Sections.

5. *Ordered*, That the "Preparatory College Course" in the Charlestown High School be abolished at the close of the present school year, and that the pupils belonging to said course be transferred to corresponding classes in the Boston Latin School.

6. *Ordered*, That the three male teachers in the Charlestown High School be designated as follows: the principal as head-master; the master of the English Department and the sub-master as masters; and that the female teachers consist of one master's assistant, one head-assistant, and as many assistants as may be necessary.

7. *Ordered*, That the teachers in the Grammar schools of Charlestown be classified in the same manner as is provided for corresponding schools in other wards.

8. *Ordered*, That the three Intermediate schools in Charlestown be continued as schools for special instruction.

9. *Ordered*, That the sessions of the Charlestown High School remain as at present, viz., from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

10. *Ordered*, That the schools in Brighton and West Roxbury be divided into Grammar-school districts.

11. *Ordered*, That in each of the Grammar schools of West Roxbury and Brighton an assistant be employed, with the salary of head-assistants.

12. *Ordered*, That the teachers in the Brighton High school be a head-master, a head-assistant, and one or more assistants.

13. *Ordered*, That the Grammar and Primary schools

of West Roxbury be allowed to hold two sessions on Wednesdays, and no session on Saturdays.

14. *Ordered*, That the school hours of the West Roxbury High School be five consecutive hours daily, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, — the hour for commencing to be left to the discretion of the committee on that school.

15. *Ordered*, That the teachers of the West Roxbury High School consist of one head-master, one master, and one or more assistants.

The orders were severally considered.

The orders numbered 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, were adopted.

The orders numbered 3, 6, 11, 13, 14, 15, were referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Order No. 9 was rejected.

Mr. Norton offered the following order: —

Brighton District; Primary School accommodations.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to prepare the building recently occupied by the Bennett School in the Brighton District for Primary School purposes.

Referred, with full powers, to the Committee on School Houses, etc.

Girls' High School: Miss Grundberg's services.

On motion of Mr. Filkins: —

Ordered, That the sum of fifty dollars be paid to Miss Laura M. Grundberg, — unexpired balance for services as a temporary teacher in the Girls' High School.

Eng. High School; title, rank and salary of L. W. Anderson.

Mr. Lothrop offered the following: —

Ordered, That, on and after the first Monday in September next, Mr. Luther W. Anderson, master, in consideration of his long, faithful and valuable services in the English High School, have the title and rank of assistant head-master, with a salary of thirty-five hundred dollars a year; this order, however, not to be

interpreted as otherwise affecting the grade or number of teachers in the English High School, compared with its number of pupils, — as provided for in article 2, chapter XV. of the Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the order was referred, — the part pertaining to the title and rank of Mr. Anderson, to the Committee on Rules and Regulations; the part pertaining to the salary, to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Lothrop also offered the following order: —

Ordered, That Mr. John P. Brown, master in the English High School, be paid the maximum salary of a master in that school from September 1, 1873.

Eng. High School; salary of J. P. Brown.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Slade offered the followed order: —

Ordered, That the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated for incidental expenses in connection with the School for Deaf Mutes, the same to be expended by the committee on that school, with the concurrence of the Committee on Accounts.

School for Deaf Mutes; appropriation.

Referred, with full powers, to the Committee on Accounts.

The Chair read a petition signed by Jacob Geib, Horatio Hobbs, and forty others, residents on Stoughton street, Cottage street, Brook avenue, and other streets in the same neighborhood, representing the need which exists of school accommodations, and asking that a school be located at some point near the corner of Stoughton street and Howard avenue.

Petition of Jacob Geib and others; School accommodations near Stoughton st., etc.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses and School Sections.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Ordway.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 1, 1874.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held, agreeably to adjournment, at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the first day of September, 1874, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. Mr. W. H. Learnard, Jr., in the chair.

The hour having passed to which the meeting was adjourned, and no quorum appearing, on motion of Mr. Palmer, the roll was called, when the following-named gentlemen responded to their names, viz. : — Roll called.

Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 1, Beaumont, Blakemore, Brown, Chapin, Chapman, Daniels, Dillaway, Dunning, Fallon, Filkins, Finney, Flint, Hall, Hayden, Hobbs, Hutchins, Kneeland, Learnard, Marden, Means, Miles, E. G. Morse, James Morse, Neal, Norton, Palmer, Parker, Peterson, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 16, Porter, of Ward 2, Prescott, Reed, Rice, Seaverns, Shurtleff, Southworth, Tilden, Tripp, Underwood, Washburn, Wentworth, Williams, and Woods; — whereby it appeared that but forty-seven gentlemen were present, and not a quorum. Members *present.* No quorum.

On motion of Mr. Palmer the meeting adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Sept. 8, 1874.

A quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the eighth day of September, 1874, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. The President in the chair.

Absent.

Absent: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Badger, Baldwin, Beckley, Campbell, Cilley, Colman, Curtis, Deblois, Fogg, Foster, Frost, Gray, Learnard, Leonard, Lothrop, Maguire, Mason, McKendry, Miles, Moran, Moseley, Murphy, O'Connor, O'Kane, Ordway, Perkins, Plummer, Quinn, Rankin, Reed, Toland, Tucker, Waldock, and the President of the Common Council.

Convention.

The Chair read the concurrence of the Mayor and Aldermen in the proposition of this Board for a convention for the purpose of filling the vacancies in the School Committee, agreeably to the order passed July 14th.

The convention was held.

No. of votes required to elect in a convention.

Before proceeding to the business of the convention the Chair read a communication from the City Solicitor, in reply to an inquiry made by the President of the Board in regard to the number of votes required by the general statutes for the election, in a convention, to fill the vacancies in the School Committee; whereby it appeared that sixty-two votes are required to make an election.

Vacancy in Ward Six; report of committee to nominate a candidate.

The President having, agreeably to a vote passed at the last meeting, appointed Messrs. Lothrop, Willard, Perkins, Underwood and Seaverns a committee to nominate a candidate to fill the vacancy in the Board from Ward Six,— read a communication from Mr. S. K. Lothrop, chairman of that committee, stating that, at

a meeting of said committee for the purpose of nominating a candidate, no quorum was present, to allow them to act legally and officially; and, in view of the necessity of some nomination being made, the two members, in their individual capacity as members of the Board from Ward Six, submitted the name of Miss Abby W. May as a candidate to be balloted for at the convention.

"The reasons for the nomination are that Miss May was chosen by the citizens of the ward, in December last; and the legal objections to her holding her seat, which prevailed with a majority of the Board, have been removed by the decision of the Supreme Court and the action of the Legislature."

Voted to proceed to ballot for the election of a member from Ward Six.

Mr. Willard nominated Miss Abby W. May.

The Chair appointed Alderman Clark and Messrs. Williams and Bennett a committee to collect the ballots. Ballot.

The committee proceeded, and afterwards reported that the whole number of ballots was 64; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 62; that Abby W. May had 43; J. Baxter Upham had 13; all others six, whereby it appeared there was no election. No choice.

Proceeded to a second ballot. Second ballot.

The same committee reported that the whole number of ballots was 73; necessary for a choice, 62. Abby W. May had 42; J. Baxter Upham had 22; all others nine; — and there was no election.

Mr. Washburn then moved that further balloting be suspended, and that the convention be adjourned for two weeks from this evening, at half-past seven o'clock.

Mr. Chapin moved that the convention adjourn to Tuesday, Oct. 13th, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M.; — Convention adjourned.

which motion being put prevailed, and the convention was adjourned accordingly.

Ex-mayor Shurtleff in the Chair.

Teacher confirmed, etc.

The Board confirmed a teacher, to wit: —

Brighton High School. — Anna J. George, as a head-assistant.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

Chapman School District. — Maria A. Arnold, a Primary teacher, commencing June 17th.

Comins School. — H. H. Gould, a sub-master, commencing Sept. 1st.

Gaston School District. — Lydia Curtis, a master's assistant, commencing Sept. 7th; Adelaide M. Alexander, a head-assistant, commencing Sept. 7th; and Electa M. Porter and S. Lila Huckins, Primary teachers, commencing Sept. 7th.

Lincoln School. — Susan K. Pratt, an assistant, commencing Sept. 7th.

Prescott School District. — Mary A. Oburg, a Primary teacher, commencing Sept. 7th.

Sherwin School. — Frank A. Morse, a sub-master, commencing Sept. 7th.

Brighton District. — Georgiana Palmer, an assistant in the Bennett School.

Charlestown District. — M. A. Lovering, an assistant in the Harvard School.

Miss Fannie Blanchard was transferred from the Primary to the Grammar Department in the Gaston School District.

The resignations of the following teachers were presented and accepted: —

Girls' High School. — Elizabeth C. Light, an assistant, to take effect Sept. 1st.

Gaston School. — Clara S. Nye, master's assistant.

Hancock School District. Lucy C. Flynn, a Primary teacher, to take effect Sept. 1st.

Lincoln School. — Helen E. Head, an assistant, to take effect Sept. 7th.

Prescott School. — L. H. Dutton, sub-master, to take effect Sept. 1st.

Brighton District. — Catherine D. Russell, an assistant in the Bennett School.

Charlestown District. — Lucy M. Soule, a Primary teacher in the Harvard District, to take effect Sept. 1st.

Prescott School District; Teachers confirmed.

Mr. Peterson, from the Committee on the Prescott School District, to whom was recommitted, July 14th, the list of teachers in that district, reported back said list; and the question upon confirming the nominations being taken, the teachers were all confirmed.

Lowell School: recommitment of nomination.

On motion of Mr. Adams, of Ward 12, the nomination of Mr. George T. Wiggin, as sub-master in the Lowell School, was recommitted to the committee on that school.

Sherwin School District; nomination. referred.

The nomination by the Sherwin District Committee of Miss Faxon, as a *special teacher* in the Primary School in Parker street, was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Report of Committee on Salaries; Salaries of Instructors.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Salaries, submitted the report of that committee upon the matter of the salaries of the instructors in the Public Schools for the school-year commencing in September, and moved that the rules be suspended for considering the report at this time; — which motion passed.

The Committee asked for further time in relation to the salary to be paid the teacher of French in the Dorchester High School, and the head-assistant in the Roxbury High School.

Mr. Brown submitted the followed order: —

Ordered, That the salaries of instructors for the present

school year be the same as were paid for the last year, with the exception that the minimum salary of masters in the Grammar Schools be at the rate of $2,800 per annum, provided that the salaries of teachers in the recently annexed Wards 17, 19, 20, 21, and 22, be the same as were adopted by the Board at the meeting held March 24th.

Mr. Reynolds offered the following amendment, which was adopted: —

That the salaries of masters, sub-masters and ushers in the Latin School be the same as the salaries of teachers of corresponding grades in the Grammar Schools.

Other amendments being offered, Mr. Prescott submitted the following order, which the Board adopted: —

Ordered, That the report of the Committee on Salaries be recommitted with instructions to print the schedule of salaries, with such amendments as may be offered to the committee; and be specially assigned for the next meeting of the Board at eight and one-half o'clock.

The following amendments were offered to the report: —

1. By Mr. Parker: —

That the salary of the teacher of Drawing in Charlestown be the same as the salary of the corresponding teacher in the city proper, $2,500.

2. By Mr. Kneeland: —

That the salary of the master's assistants be $1,000 per annum; of the head assistants, $900.

3. By Mr. Allen, of Ward 1: —

That the salaries of the masters and sub-masters in the English High School be the same as of the masters and sub-masters in the Grammar Schools.

4. By Mr. Allen, of Ward 1: —

That the salary of the head-assistants in the Grammar Schools be $900 instead of $850.

The quarterly reports of the Committees on the High Schools and the Grammar School Districts, etc., being called for, on motion of Mr. Allen, of Ward 14, the matter was laid on the table after a portion of the reports had been presented. Quarterly Reports.

Mr. Williams, from the committee to nominate a candidate for the place of master of the Comins School, reported as the first choice of the committee, Mr. Charles W. Hill; submitting, also, in conformity with the regulations, the name of Harlan P. Gage. Election of master of the Comins School.

Mr. Williams moved, and it was voted to proceed to ballot for the choice of a master of the Comins School.

Voted, on motion of Mr. Neal, to suspend the rule which requires the Board to go into secret session.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Allen, of Ward 14, Seaverns and Hall a committee to collect the ballots.

The committee proceeded, and reported that the whole number of ballots was 66; necessary for a choice by the rules, 60; and that Mr. Charles W. Hill had 66. Mr. Hill was accordingly declared elected.

Mr. Underwood offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Rules be amended so as to require weekly sessions of this Board during nine months of the year. Weekly Sessions of the Board.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Reynolds, amended by Mr. Hall, voted to lay upon the table the quarterly report of the Girls' High School, and that it be printed. Quarterly Report of the Girls' High School.

On motion of Mr. Norton, the rules were suspended, and the Board voted to go into an election for the choice of a master of the Brighton Harvard School. Brighton Harvard School; election of a master.

Mr. Norton, from the committee to nominate candidates for the place of master of the Brighton Harvard School, presented the names of Nath'l P. Gage, N. H. Whittemore, and George W. M. Hall.

Mr. Kneeland presented the name of James E. Parker for the position.

A lengthy discussion followed, which was terminated by a motion of Mr. Shattuck to adjourn.

A motion was made by Mr. Kneeland to adjourn for a fortnight; but, no quorum voting, the motion of Mr. Shattuck, to adjourn, was put, and carried; and the meeting dissolved.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,

Secretary.

The following amendments are here inserted, — handed in to the committee since the meeting: —

1. By Mr. Reynolds, —

That the salary of the head-master of the English High School and that of the head-master of the Girls' High School, be for the first year four thousand dollars; with an increase of one hundred dollars in each succeeding year of continuous service for ten years.

2. By Mr. Bennett, —

That Miss Annie J. George, the head assistant in the Brighton High School, receive a salary of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, the same to date from Jan. 1, 1874.

3. By Mr. Allen, of Ward 14, —

That the salary of the head-master of the Roxbury High School be the same as is proposed, above, for the head-masters of the English High and Girls' High Schools.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Oct. 13, 1874.

A monthly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of October, 1874, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

Absent: Messrs. Allen, of Ward 12, Beaumont, Beckley, Chapin, Colman, Curtis, Fogg, Leonard, Maguire, McDonough, Moran, E. G. Morse, Murphy, O'Connor, Rankin, Shurtleff, Underwood, Waldock, Williamson, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

Pursuant to adjournment, the convention with the Mayor and Aldermen, which was held September 8th, for filling vacancies in the School Committee in Wards 6, 9, 11 and 14, was held this evening. Convention.

His Honor the Mayor in the Chair.

The Chair appointed Alderman Cutter and Messrs. Williams and Bennett a committee to collect the ballots for the election of a member of the Board from Ward 6, and they, having attended to that duty, reported that the whole number of ballots was 72; that Abby W. May had 37; J. Baxter Upham had 26; George L. Ruffin, 4; and all others, 5.

Sixty-two votes being ecessary for a choice, there was no election.

Mr. Shattuck moved that the matter of the election of a member from Ward 6 be laid upon the table.

Mr. Ricker moved to postpone the matter indefinitely.

Upon motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, it was voted to take the yeas and nays upon this motion.

The yeas and nays were taken as follows: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Aldermen Cutter, Power, Brooks, Peters, Prescott and Clark; and Messrs. Allen, of Ward 14, Badger, Carty, Cilley, Darling, Deblois, Emery, Foster, Fraser, McDonald, O'Kane, Porter, of Ward 2, Reynolds and Ricker. — 20.

Nays: Aldermen Harris, Worthington, Bigelow and Stebbins; and Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 1, Baldwin, Bennett, Bigelow, Blakemore, Brown, Campbell, Chaney, Chapman, Connor, Cruft, Daniels, Dillaway, Dunn, Fallon, Fennelly, Filkins, Finney, Fitzgerald, Flint, Greene, Hayden, Hobbs, Hutchins, Kinsley, Kneeland, Learnard, Lothrop, Mason, McKendry, Means, Merrill, Miles, James Morse, Moseley, Neal, Noble, Norton, Parker, Perkins, Peterson, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 16, Reed, Rice, Seaverns, Shattuck, Slade, Smalley, Southworth, Stedman, Thayer, Tilden, Tripp, Tucker, Washburn, Wentworth and Williams. — 64.

Yeas, 20; nays, 64; so said motion did not prevail.

The question was then taken upon the motion of Mr. Shattuck — to lay the subject upon the table — and that motion passed.

Mr. Shattuck then moved, and it was voted, to proceed to ballot for the choice of a member of the Board from Ward 11.

The President having appointed, agreeably to a vote passed July 14th, Messrs. Kinsley, Merrill, Deblois, Foster and Williams a committee to nominate a candidate for filling the vacancy in Ward 11, Mr. Kinsley, chairman of that committee, nominated Lucretia Crocker.

The Chair appointed Alderman Bigelow, and Messrs. Kinsley and McDonald a committee to collect the ballots.

The committee proceeded, and afterwards reported as follows: Whole number of ballots, 82. Lucretia

Crocker had 54; Robert C. Waterston had 13; M. F. Dickinson, jr., 6; all others, 9.

No person having the requisite number, 62, there was no election.

Proceeded to a second ballot.

The same committee served to collect the ballots, and reported that the whole number of ballots was 83; that Lucretia Crocker had 51; Robert C. Waterston, 28; scattering, 4; whereby it appeared that there was no choice.

Proceeded to a third ballot.

The same committee collected the ballots, and reported that the whole number of ballots was 88; that Lucretia Crocker had 51; Robert C. Waterston had 29; all others, 8; and there was no choice.

Alderman Stebbins moved, in respect to all of the vacancies, that further balloting be postponed till the first regular meeting of the School Committee, in December; but this motion, after a long discussion, did not prevail.

A motion by Mr. Fallon, to lay upon the table the subject of filling the vacancy in Ward 11, having also been lost, the convention proceeded, upon motion of Mr. Shattuck, to a further ballot, which was taken, with the following result: —

Whole number of ballots, 93. Lucretia Crocker had 52; Robert C. Waterston had 34; all others, 7; and there was no election.

Alderman Prescott moved that further balloting be postponed till Tuesday, the 10th day of November. The motion prevailed, and the convention adjourned. Further balloting postponed.

William H. Learnard, jr., in the chair.

The business upon which the Board was engaged when it adjourned, September 8th, was the election of a master Brighton-Harvard school;

election of master.

of the Brighton-Harvard school, which was the business now before the Board.

Some discussion was had respecting the candidates, after which the Chair appointed Messrs. Norton, Filkins and Kneeland a committee to collect the ballots for the choice of a master of the said school.

The Board then had four ballotings, without effecting a choice; the results of which were as follows, respectively: —

First ballot.

First Ballot. — Whole number of votes, 81 (necessary for a choice, 60). James E. Parker had 44; George W. M. Hall had 17; N. H. Whittemore had 15; all others had 5.

Second ballot.

Second Ballot. — Whole number of ballots, 78. James E. Parker had 44; George W. M. Hall, 22; N. H. Whittemore, 7; three others had 5.

Third ballot.

Third Ballot. — Whole number of ballots, 74. James E. Parker had 38; George W. H. Hall, 33; scattering, 3.

Fourth ballot.

Fourth Ballot. —Whole number of ballots, 75. James E. Parker had 44; George W. H. Hall, 29; scattering, 2.

Mr. Shattuck moved that the subject be laid upon the table. Decided in the affirmative, by the casting vote of the Chair.

Mr. Parker placed in temporary charge.

Mr. Prescott moved that Mr. Parker be placed temporarily in charge of the Brighton-Harvard School, and the motion passed.

Voted, on motion of Mr. Lothrop, that when the Board adjourn, it be to meet one week from this evening at half-past seven o'clock.

Annual report; committee.

The Chair appointed the following committee to prepare the Annual Report of the School Committee: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Chaney, Prescott, Emery, Toland, Smalley and Neal.

The Chair read a communication from Mr. Tucker, asking to be excused from further service as a member of the Committee on School Houses and School Sections; and Mr. Tucker was accordingly excused. Committee on School Houses, etc.

The Chair appointed Mr. Noble to be Chairman of said committee in place of Mr. Tucker; and Mr. Carty to fill the vacancy in the committee.

The following teachers were confirmed: —

Lyman School. — Irene A. Bancroft, an assistant. Teachers confirmed, etc.

Stoughton School District. — Caroline Melville, a Primary teacher.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

Latin School. — Edwin Davenport and Cyrus A. Neville as sub-masters, commencing Sept. 14th; Edward M. Hartwell and Frank E. Randall as ushers, commencing Sept. 14th; and George A. Schmidt, teacher of German, commencing October 12th.

Dorchester High School. — Charles De Lagarlière, teacher of French, commencing September 1st.

Bowditch School District. — Mary J. Tierny and Rebecca A. Buckley, commencing Sept. 7th.

Everett School. — Adeline E. Whittemore, an assistant, commencing September 7th.

Lyman School. — Florence Carver, an assistant, commencing September 7th.

Minot School. — Mary E. Glidden, an assistant, commencing September 7th.

Prescott School. — J. Willard Brown, a sub-master, commencing October 12th, and Carrie E. Tozier, an assistant, commencing October 12th.

Sherwin School District. — Sarah E. Gould, a Primary teacher, commencing September 1st, and Maria D. Faxon, a Primary teacher, commencing September 20th.

Winthrop School District. — Emma J. Vose, a Primary teacher, commencing October 1st.

West Roxbury High School. — John F. Stein, teacher of German, commencing September 14th, and Jules Lévy, teacher of French, commencing September 14th.

West Roxbury District. — Nellie Lincoln, teacher of sewing in the Hillside School, commencing September 14th, and J. Z. Ridgway, teacher of sewing in the Mt. Vernon School, commencing September 14th.

Charlestown School District. — E. C. Bredeen, a Primary teacher in the Charlestown Prescott District, commencing Sept. 28th; and Kate E. McGowen, an assistant in the Warren School, commencing Sept. 1st.

Bunker Hill School. — Ellen F. Sanders, an assistant, commencing Sept. 28th, with the maximum salary.

The Board confirmed the transfer of Florence E. Browne from the Lewis School to the Dudley School for boys; and the transfer of Elizabeth A. Turner, a Primary teacher in the Lyman School District, to the Prescott School; said transfer to date from Oct. 5th.

Miss Emma L. Peterson was transferred from the Grammar to the Primary department of the Sherwin School District.

The resignations of the following teachers were presented and accepted: —

Bowditch School District. — Lydia E. Bacon and Louisa Bowker, to take effect Sept. 1st.

Everett School. — Mary A. Gavett, an assistant, to take effect Sept. 1st.

Minot School. — Annie E. Fisher, an assistant, to take effect Oct. 3d.

Prescott School. — Annie J. De Silva, an assistant, to take effect Oct. 4th; and Mary M. Foster, an assistant, to take effect Oct. 11th.

Sherwin School District. — Clara E. Walker, a Primary teacher, to take effect Oct. 1st, and Sarah L. Tewksbury, a Primary teacher, to take effect Sept. 1st.

Charlestown School District. — Louisa T. Swan, an assistant in the Warren School.

Evening Schools, East Boston. — Richard F. Kay, Principal; Jessie F. Otis, Addie F. Barnes, Emma L. Reynolds, Margaret A. Knox, Lena G. Anderson, assistants.

Blossom Street. — Henry A. Parker, principal; Kate Wilson, Silence A. Hill, Fannie M. Wilson, Emily A. Brown, H. L. Richards, H. E. White, A. M. Ritz, assistants.

Warrenton Street. — William G. Babcock, principal; John L. Emmons, Samuel Weltch, J. Thomas Vose, Etta A. Bugbee, Annie A. Nicholls, Wm. H. Reeby, Lucy F. Babcock, Alfred I. Woodbury, assistants.

Dorchester. — George H. Marshall, principal; Harriet B. Hassett, Theresa C. Lonergan, Anna S. Dodge, M. Ella Mann, Margaret U. Lapham, Anna B. Ware, Ellen A. Bulman, assistants.

Teacher of Music confirmed.

Mr. Ordway, chairman of the Committee on Music, nominated for confirmation, Mr. Luther Whiting Mason, as a teacher of Music, — services commencing September 1st; and the nomination was confirmed.

The following orders were offered and referred to the Committee on School Houses and School Sections: —

1. By Mr. Baldwin, —

Kindergarten School; new class, etc,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Kindergarten School have authority to establish a new class.

2. By Mr. Baldwin, —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish additional accommodations for the Kindergarten School on Somerset street.

3. By Mr. Norton, —

Primary accommodations in Brighton.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish additional accommodations for the Auburn Primary School, of the Brighton School District. Referred with full powers.

4. By Mr. Williams, —

School-house in Francis street.

Ordered, That this Board request of the City Council, that the Francis-street school-building be enlarged to meet the growing needs of that district.

5. By Mr. Dunning, —

Washington and Dudley District; change of name.

Ordered, That from the name of the Washington and Dudley School District, the words "Washington and" be dropped.

The following orders were referred to the Committee on Salaries: —

1. By Mr. Ordway, —

Salaries of teachers of Music.

Ordered, That the salary of Mr. Hiram Wilde and of Mr. J. M. Mason, teachers of Music, be $3,000.

2. By Mr. Smalley, —

Salary of Emily M. Porter.

Ordered, That Miss Emily M. Porter, assistant teacher in the Mt. Vernon School, be paid the maximum salary the present school year.

3. By Mr. Smalley, —

Salary of M. A. Gott.

Ordered, That Miss M. A. Gott be paid the maximum salary for her services as assistant teacher in the Central School the present school year.

Mr. Williams offered the following, —

Evening Schools; Truant Officers.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be requested to consider the expediency of directing the Truant Officers to attend the sessions of the Evening Schools.

Passed.

School in Francis street; temporary teacher.

Mr. Williams offered the following, and moved a suspension of the rules for its passage at this time. The rules were suspended and the order passed.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Comins School District be authorized to employ a temporary teacher in the Francis-street Grammar School.

On motion of the respective chairmen, the following-named committees were authorized to report in print, viz.: on Vocal and Physical Culture and Military Drill; on Music; on the School for Deaf Mutes.

Committees to report in print: Vocal and Physical Culture, etc.; Music; Deaf Mutes.

On motion of Mr. Prescott the Board adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Oct. 20th, 1874.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held by adjournment in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday the twentieth day of October, 1874, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M.

Mr. W. H. Learnard, jr., in the Chair.

Roll-call.

The Chair having called the meeting to order, Mr. Shattuck moved that the roll be called, to see if there were a quorum present.

The roll was called, and the following-named gentlemen responded as their names were called, viz. : —

Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 1, Beaumont, Beckley, Bennett, Bigelow, Brown, Campbell, Carty, Chapin, Connor, Cruft, Curtis, Daniels, Darling, Dillaway, Dunn, Fallon, Fennelly, Finney, Fitzgerald, Flint, Gray, Hayden, Hutchins, Kneeland, Learnard, Leavitt, Lothrop, James Morse, Moseley, Neal, Noble, Norton, Ordway, Parker, Peterson, Porter, of Ward 16, Porter, of Ward 2, Prescott, Reed, Reynolds, Ricker, Shattuck, Smalley, Stedman, Thayer, Tilden, Toland, Tripp, Williams, Williamson, and Woods.

Whereby it appeared that but fifty-five gentlemen were present, and not a quorum. Mr. Palmer immediately appeared, and the Chair declared that a quorum was present.

The following gentlemen afterwards appeared and were present at the meeting, viz. : Messrs. Baldwin, Dunning, Filkins, Hall, Hayden, Leonard, Lloyd, McDonough, Means, Merrill, Rankin and Rice.

Report of Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Brown, chairman of the Committee on Salaries, called up the report of that committee on the salaries of instructors, — said committee having been authorized to report in print, and their report having been submitted to the Board.

Salaries of Instructors.

As embodying the recommendations of the committee, Mr. Brown submitted several orders for adoption, covering the salaries of instructors in the Latin School, the Normal School, the several High Schools, the Grammar and Primary Schools, and of the special instructors.

The committee also reported upon the order referred to them at the last meeting respecting the salaries of Hiram Wilde and J. M. Mason, teachers of music, recommending the adoption of the proposition to pay them each a salary of $3,000 — making them, as well as Messrs. Sharland, Holt and L. W. Mason, "District Music Teachers" under the new plan of the Music Committee, with no expense for horse-keeping to the city.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the rules were suspended, to allow the consideration of the subject at this time.

The orders were as follows: —

1. *Ordered*, That the salaries of the instructors in the Latin and English High Schools for the year ending September 1st, 1875, be as follows, for the first year and for the second and subsequent years respectively: —

For Head-Masters	$3,500 and $4,000
" Masters	2,800 and 3,200
" Sub-Masters	2,200 and 2,600
" Ushers	1,700 and 2,000
" Instructor in Military Drill	1,500
" Teacher of French in the Latin School	600
" " " " English High School	1,800
" Assistant Instructor in Drawing in the English High School	800

Order No. 1 was adopted.

2. *Ordered*, That the salaries of the instructors in the Girls' High School for the year ending September 1st, 1875, be as follows: —

For the Head-Master for a first year of service	$3,500;	
subsequently	$4,000	per annum.
For Head-Master's 1st Head-Assistant . .	2,000	"
" " 2d " . .	1,500	"
" Head-Assistants	1,200	"
" Assistants	1,000	"
" Teacher of Chemistry	1,500	"
" " Drawing	800	"
" " French	750	"
" " German	750	"
" Assistant in Laboratory	500	"
" Teacher in Physical Culture . . .	600	"

Mr. Prescott called for a division of the question; and the question was taken upon each of the several items in the order, and the salaries named were all adopted.

3. *Ordered*, That the salaries of the instructors in the Normal School, for the year ending Sept. 1st, 1875, be as follows: —

For the Head-Master, for a first year's service	$3,500;	
subsequently	$4,000	per annum.
For Head-Assistant, ...	1,500	"
For Assistants	1,000	"

The order passed.

4. *Ordered*, That the salaries of the instructors in the Roxbury High School for the year ending Sept. 1st, 1875, be as follows: —

For the Head-Master, for a first year's service	$3,500;	
subsequently	$4,000	per annum.
For 1st Head-Assistant to Head-Master . . .	1,800	"
Head-Assistant	1,500	per annum.
For Assistants	1,000	"

For Teacher of French	$500	per annum.
" " Drawing	700	"
" " German	500	"

The order passed.

5. *Ordered*, That the salaries of the instructors in the Dorchester High School for the year ending Sept. 1st, 1875, be as follows: —

For Head-Master, for a first year's service $3,500; subsequently	$4,000	per annum.
For Head-Assistant, for a first year's service 1,500;		"
subsequently	1,800	"
For Assistants	1,000	"
For Teacher of French	700	"
" " German	600	"

The order passed.

6. *Ordered*, That the salaries of instructors in the Grammar and Primary schools, the School for Deaf Mutes, and the Kindergarten School, for the year ending Sept. 1st, 1875, be as follows: —

For Masters, first year $2,800; subsequently .	$3,200	per annum.
" Sub-Masters, first year $2,200; subsequently	2,600	"
" Ushers $1,700; subsequently	2,000	"
" Principal of the Dudley School, for girls .	2,000	"
" Head-Assistants in Master's room, or teaching the first class	1,200	"
" Head-Assistants in other rooms . . .	850	"
" Assistants, first year $600; second year $700; subsequently	800	"
" General Supervisor of Drawing . . .	3,300	"
" Instructors in Drawing	2,500	"
" Teacher of Drawing in Dorchester . . .	1,700	"
" General Supervisor of Music and Teacher of Music in the High Schools	3,300	"
" Director and Teacher of Music in the Grammar Schools	3,000	"
" Superintendent of Vocal and Physical Culture	$2,500	for 6 months.

For Teacher of Sewing $87.50 per annum for each whole division of the fourth, fifth and sixth classes taught. *Exception:* Teacher of Sewing in the Winthrop School $800; in Dorchester, and in the Bowditch School $700 per annum.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

" Teachers, first year $600; second year $700; subsequently . . . . . 800 per annum.

SCHOOL FOR DEAF MUTES.

" Principal $1,200; 1 assistant $900; 3 assistants each, first year $700; subsequently . . 800 "

KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL.

" Assistant, first year $600; second year $700; subsequently . . . . . 800 "

Voted, on motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, to consider the several items separately.

On motion of Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, the order was amended, making the salaries of the masters of the Grammar Schools in Dorchester $2,800 per annum.

Mr. Kneeland moved to amend the order by adding, in the line, "Head-Assistants in the Master's room," etc., after the word "class," the following: — "or occupying the position next below the sub-master in the boys' department in mixed Grammar Schools."

Mr. Shattuck offered an amendment to provide that the same portion of the order read as follows: — "Masters' Head-Assistants, or Head-Assistants teaching the first class."

The Committee on Salaries asked leave to withdraw so much of their report as relates to the salaries to be paid head-assistants in the master's room or teaching the first class, and to other head-assistants. Leave was granted, and the Committee were allowed farther time to consider the matter.

So much of the order as relates to the salaries of masters, sub-masters, ushers, masters in the Grammar schools in Dorchester, principal of the Dudley School for Girls, and assistants, was adopted.

The Board were considering the salary to be paid to the General Supervisor of Drawing.

Mr. Prescott moved that the salary proposed be in full for all the services of that officer.

A lengthy discussion ensued, until a motion was made by Mr. Brown, that when the Board adjourn it be to Tuesday next, the 27th instant, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., which passed.

The Board then, on motion of Mr. Ordway, adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

OCTOBER 27, 1874.

In School Committee, October 27, 1874.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held, by adjournment, in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the twenty-seventh day of October, 1874, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. Mr. W. H. Learnard, Jr., in the chair.

The time for which the meeting was called having passed, Mr. Ordway moved that the roll be called to see if a quorum was present. The roll was called and the following gentlemen responded thereto, viz. : — Roll-call.

Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 1, Beaumont, Bigelow, Brown, Chapin, Chapman, Connor, Cruft, Daniels, Dillaway, Filkins, Finney, Foster, Frost, Gray, Hayden, Hobbs, Hutchins, Kinsley, Kneeland, Learned, Leavitt, Lloyd, Means, James Morse, Neal, Noble, Ordway, Palmer, Parker, Perkins, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 16, Prescott, Reed, Reynolds, Seaverns, Shattuck, Stedman, Thayer, Tilden, Tripp, Wentworth, Willard, Williams, Woods and Wright. Members present.

Fifty gentlemen responded as their names were called.

A quorum not being present the meeting dissolved. No quorum.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Nov. 10, 1874.

A regular monthly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the tenth day of November, 1874, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M.

Absent: Messrs. Badger, Beckley, Bennett, Carty, Chapman, Colman, Dunning, Emery, Fennelly, Fogg, Kinsley, Maguire, Mason, McKendry, Miles, Moran, E. G. Morse, Murphy, O'Connor, Plummer, Rankin, Smalley, Southworth, Waldock, the President of the Board and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

Pursuant to adjournment the convention with the Mayor and Aldermen, which was held Oct. 13th, for filling vacancies in the School Committee in Wards 6, 9, 11, and 14, was held this evening. Convention.

His Honor the Mayor in the Chair.

Voted to proceed to ballot for filling the vacancy in Ward 6.

The Chair appointed Alderman Cutter and Messrs. Williams and Foster a committee to collect the ballots; and they having attended to that duty reported that the whole number of ballots was 66; that Thomas R. Appleton had 34; Abby W. May, 27; Frank Fuller, 2; J. Baxter Upham, 2; J. C. White, 1. Sixty-two votes being necessary for a choice, there was no election.

On motion of Mr. Kneeland the convention then dissolved.

William H. Learnard, Jr., in the Chair.

Mr. Palmer announced the death of Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, a member of the Board from Ward 4; and Death of Nathaniel B. Shurtleff.

with appropriate remarks, offered the following resolutions:—

Resolutions.

Resolved, That this Board has received with sorrow and regret the intelligence of the sudden death of an esteemed fellow-member, Nathaniel Bradstreet Shurtleff, M. D.

Resolved, That, during the long service of the deceased, he ever discharged the trusts of his office with diligence, with judgment, with fidelity, and with the intention of promoting the best interests of education in his native city.

Resolved, That we hereby tender to his afflicted family our heartfelt condolence.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the records of the Board, and that a copy be forwarded to the family of the deceased.

Remarks upon the character and services of Dr. Shurtleff were made by Mr. Ordway, Mr. Lothrop and Mr. Washburn; after which the question upon the resolutions was taken by a rising vote — on motion of Mr. Adams of Ward 12 — and the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

On motion of Mr. Prescott:—

Vacancies in the Board.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Board of Aldermen to inform that branch that vacancies exist in this body, caused by the resolve of this Board (Jan. 27) declaring vacant the seats of one member from Ward 6, one member from Ward 11, and one member from Ward 14, — declared ineligible on account of sex; also that a vacancy exists in Ward 9, caused by the decease of a member elected from said ward; also that a vacancy exists in this Board, caused by the death of Thomas F. Mahan, of Ward 2.

Minutes amended.

Mr. Filkins moved to amend the minutes of the meeting of Oct. 20th, — wherein they fail to state that Mr.

Filkins moved that the salary of the General Supervisor of Drawing be one thousand dollars per annum, instead of thirty-three hundred dollars; and the motion so to amend was adopted.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

Teachers. nominated.

English High School. — S. C. Smith, as sub-master, commencing Oct. 16th.

Andrew School District. — Sara W. Barrows, as assistant, commencing Oct. 10th, and Nellie W. Allen, a Primary teacher, commencing Sept. 7th.

Bowditch School District. — Sophronia N. Herrick, a Primary teacher, commencing Nov. 1st.

Dearborn School. — Elizabeth E. Stafford, an assistant, commencing Oct. 1st.

Franklin School District. — Alfarata M. Nichols, a Primary teacher, commencing Nov. 1st.

Lewis School District. — M. F. Baker, a Primary teacher, commencing Nov. 1st.

Lowell School. — George T. Wiggin, a sub-master, commencing Sept. 7th. (*See page* 142.)

The resignations of the following teachers were presented and accepted: —

Resignation of teachers.

Andrew School District. — Susan E. C. Mulloy, a Primary teacher, to take effect Oct. 1st.

Bowditch School. — Caroline E. Jennison, an assistant, to take effect Nov. 1st.

Dearborn School. — M. E. McCarty, an assistant, to take effect Sept. 10th.

Franklin School District. — Lucy A. Cate, a Primary teacher, to take effect Nov. 1st.

Hancock School. — Anna N. Jacobs, an assistant, to take effect Nov. 1st.

Lincoln School. — Francis A. Morse, an usher, to take effect Sept. 1st.

The following were nominated as teachers of the Evening Schools: —

Evening Schools; teachers nominated.

Evening High School. — William Nichols, principal; Roscoe P. Owen, Charles E. Stetson, William H. Moriarty, Winfield S. Hutchinson, Joseph W. Keene, William H. Knight, Henry N. Sheldon, Arthur B. Morong, Carl Jonsen, L. H. Parkhurst, Thomas McC. Babson, assistants.

Harrison Avenue. — Sylvanus T. Rugg, principal; Guy A. T. Lincoln, Lewis G. Farmer, Mary Walton, Emma F. Swain, Elizabeth M. Pierce, Nellie O'Connor, Mary F. Rugg, Julia F. Sweeney, Vallie F. Keyes, Hattie N. Keyes, Mary J. Broad, Mary E. Sandford, Mary A. McNary, Elmina L. Oliver, assistants.

Anderson Street. — C. A. Caverly, A. S. Knowlton, J. T. Moulton, L. Lobdell, E. D. Fish, Mary A. Beal, Martha H. Beal, C. G. Fisher, Ella G. Hall, F. Smith, L. F. Pitcher.

South Boston. — John C. Coombs, principal; Anna L. Kelley, Jennie Mullaly, Sarah V. O'Neil, Mary F. Sargent, Sarah E. Toland, Katie E. Fitzgerald, George J. Tufts, Mary E. Galvin, Frank E. Cruff, assistants.

Cabot Street. — James W. Fox, principal; John J. Fox, M. E. Cobb, H. E. Colligen, E. Howard, Frances T. Kelley, Annie McDonald, C. B. Moore, M. B. Scarlett, N. F. Williams, S. Williams, R. A. Lawrence, A. F. Murphy, Alice B. McClure, Grace Howard, A. Trask, E. Mulliken, M. E. Grady, assistants.

Old Franklin School-house. — Edwin P. Gerry, principal; Elizabeth H. Soule, Elizabeth A. Phelps, Sarah B. Ellithorp, Alice M. Brown, G. A. Brown, Benjamin Hinckley, Etta O. Whitney, Agnes W. Cobb, Annie V.

Knowles, Ella B. Mahone, Alice G. Dolbeare, Ida F. Taylor, assistants.

Eustis Street. — Alfred Bunker, principal; F. W. Gill, R. Robinson, Abby E. Oliver, B. E. Scanlan, Mary Conley.

East Boston. — Mary H. Lennon.

North Bennet Street. — James E. Toner, principal; James Doherty, Emma Fisk, Emma Jenkins, Almira Bixby, Sarah McGonigle, Marcella Donegan, Mary Towle, Annie Gillespie, Mary Ruxton, Mary Hagan, assistants.

Summer Street, Charlestown. — H. M. Sears, principal; S. E. Seamans, L. J. Robinson, M. Ward, assistants.

Elm Street, Charlestown. — S. S. Coats, principal; William White, George Pratt, J. W. Bailey, assistants.

Warrenton Street. — William G. Babcock, principal; John L. Emmons, Samuel Weltch, J. Thomas Vose, Etta A. Bugbee, Anna A. Nichols, William H. Reeby, L. Fanny Babcock, Alfred I. Woodbury, assistants.

Dorchester. — George H. Marshall, principal; Harriet B. Hassett, Theresa C. Lonergan, Anna S. Dodge, M. Ella Mann, Margeret U. Lapham, Agnes B. Ware, Ellen A. Bulman, assistants.

Jamaica Plain. — J. M. Hodgate, principal; Sarah L. D. Somers, Ella F. Minot, Mary E. Stevens, assistants.

The following were nominated as teachers of the Evening Drawing Schools: —

Evening Drawing Schools; teachers nominated.

George H. Bartlett, and C. L. Ward, principals; A. I. Anthony, M. S. Greene, Albert F. Hall, Peter Roos, J. L. Frisbee, A. W. Johnston, George Jepson, George H. Young, C. W. Damon, H. N. Mudge, George A. Loring, assistants.

Lowell School; nomination of Geo. T. Wiggin.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 12, moved that the nomination of George T. Wiggin as sub-master in the Lowell School be rejected; and the motion, after considerable discussion, was adopted. Subsequently, Mr. Slade moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the nomination of Mr. Wiggin was rejected; and moved that the motion lie upon the table. By a yea and nay vote the latter motion was adopted; yeas, 51; nays, 8; as follows: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Baldwin, Beaumont, Bennett, Blakemore, Brown, Chaney, Chapin, Connor, Curtis, Daniels, Dillaway, Dunn, Filkins, Finney, Frost, Hall, Hayden, Hobbs, Hutchins, Kneeland, Leavitt, Lloyd, Lothrop, Marden, McDonough, Means, James Morse, Neal, Norton, O'Kane, Palmer, Parker, Perkins, Peterson, Porter, of Ward 16, Rankin, Rice, Seaverns, Shattuck, Slade, Thayer, Tilden, Tripp, Tucker, Wentworth, Willard, Williams, Woods, and Wright. — 51.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Greene, Moseley, Noble, Reed, Reynolds, Toland and Underwood. — 8.

Quarterly Reports.

The Chair called for the quarterly reports.

On motion of Mr. Neal, it was voted to dispense with the calling for them in the usual manner, and that the messenger collect them from the chairmen; but that any chairman be allowed to read his report if he so desires.

The same.

Subsequently Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, offered the following order, which passed: —

Ordered, That the Secretary be instructed to request the chairmen of such committees as have not yet presented their quarterly reports to do so forthwith, in order to enable the Committee on the Annual Report to proceed with its preparation.

Vacancies in committees filled.

The Chair appointed Mr. Hall upon the committee on Rules and Regulations and the committee on the Latin

School, to fill vacancies in place of Mr. Shurtleff, deceased; and the Board confirmed the appointments.

Mr. Chapin offered the following order: —

Ordered, That Mrs. Julia M. Burbank, of the Charlestown-Winthrop School District, be allowed the maximum salary of her grade of teachers; she having taught for six years in Charlestown, previous to her present term of service.

Maximum salary to Julia M. Burbank.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

The following orders, etc., were offered, and were referred to the Committee on School-houses, — the first three with full powers: —

1. By Mr. Allen, of Ward 14: —

Ordered, That the City Council be and hereby are requested to furnish more and better accommodations for the School for Deaf Mutes, now taught in rooms at No. 11 Pemberton square; said rooms not having sufficient capacity to accommodate properly the wants of the school the present school year.

School for Deaf Mutes; accommodations.

2. By Mr. Adams, of Ward 12: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish additional accommodations for the Bigelow School District.

Bigelow District accommodations.

3. By Mr. Daniels: —

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses be instructed to fit up the vacant building on the corner of Main and Haverhill streets, Charlestown, for school purposes; and that the Committee on the Bunker Hill School District be authorized to establish an additional Primary School in said building.

Bunker Hill School District: Primary accommodations.

4. By Mr Finney: —

Ordered, That the Primary Schools in Charlestown be re-assigned to the Grammar-school districts, to which they properly belong.

Primary Schools in Charlestown.

Comins District; Primary accom'ns.

5. By Mr. Williams: —

Ordered, That additional Primary-school accommodations be furnished in the Comins School District.

Dorchester-Everett and Mather School sections: petition of Geo. H. Morse, etc.

6. By Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, —

Petition signed by George H. Morse and others, citizens living within the school sections of the Dorchester-Everett and Mather Schools, requesting the Board to extend the division line of the two sections, which is Savin Hill avenue, on said avenue, to the residence of Dr. P. W. Olmstead.

Francis-street school-house; petition of J. P. Clarke.

The Chair read a petition signed by J. P. Clarke, in behalf of the citizens at Longwood, asking for the use of the Francis-street school-house, to hold a meeting to consult in reference to recommending one member of the School Committee and Council to represent that portion of said ward, — there being no hall within a mile and a half in that section of the city.

Referred, with full powers, on motion of Mr. Hobbs, to the Comins School District Committee.

On motion of Mr. Shattuck, —

Winthrop school-house; fire-escapes.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to see that suitable fire-escapes be furnished for each story of the Winthrop School-house.

Mr. Reed offered the following: —

Latin school; additional usher, etc.

Ordered, That the Board be requested to allow, during the present school year, an additional usher for the Latin School, to whom the teaching of gymnastics shall be entrusted throughout the school, and who shall also give the instruction in the natural sciences. Referred to the Committee on Vocal and Physical Culture, etc., with instructions to report at the next meeting.

Reports of Com. on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Reynolds submitted and read reports of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, as follows: —

1. Upon the order (June 23) directing the committee to consider the expediency of providing for a special committee on the matter of truant officers.

Special Committee on truant officers.

The committee recommended the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That a standing committee of five be appointed from this Board, of which the Mayor shall be one, and its chairman, who shall nominate and have in charge the truant officers employed in connection with the public schools. Accepted, and the order passed.

2. Upon the order (July 14) proposing that Mr. Luther W. Anderson, master in the English High School, have the title and rank of assistant head-master, etc.

Eng. High School; title, rank and salary of L. W. Anderson.

The committee do not recommend the passage of the order. Accepted.

3. Upon the order (Sept. 8) proposing to amend the Rules, so as to require weekly sessions of the Board during nine months of the year.

Weekly sessions of the Board.

The committee do not think it advisable to recommend weekly meetings of this Board at this time, especially in view of the changes which may be made in the Board in the revision of the city charter. Accepted.

4. Upon the order proposing to appoint the Superintendent of the Schools in Charlestown a special instructor for the districts of Charlestown, West Roxbury and Brighton, etc.

Supt. of schools in Charlestown, a special instructor, etc.

The committee, not having been furnished with any reasons showing the necessity or propriety of the proposition, "do not feel at liberty, in the present aspect of this case, to recommend the passage of the order." Accepted.

5. Upon the orders reported by the committee of inquiry into the condition and organization of the schools

in Wards 17, 19, 20, 21, and 22, and referred to this committee, — numbered 3, 6, 11, 13, 14, and 15, — the committee "find themselves unable to report at this time, for want of sufficient information upon the matters submitted by these orders." Accepted.

Reports of Com. on School-houses.

Mr. Noble, Chairman of the Committee on School-houses and School sections, presented reports of that committee: —

Kindergarten School; new class, etc.

1. Upon the order (Oct. 13) to authorize the Committee on the Kindergarten School to establish a new class; that the excess of children already in the school, with those seeking admission, makes it desirable to form a new class; and that they recommend the passage of the order. Accepted, and the order passed.

2. Upon the order (Oct. 13) to request the City Council to furnish additional accommodations for the Kindergarten School in Somerset street; that, as there is a suitable vacant room in the building, the order ought to pass. Accepted, and the order passed.

Reports of Com. on Salaries; Eng. High School; salary of J. P. Brown.

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Committee on Salaries, submitted the following reports: —

1. Upon the order (July 14th) proposing to pay the maximum salary to Mr. John P. Brown, a master in the English High School, from Sept. 1st, 1873; that the order ought to pass, because similar action has been had respecting the salaries of the other masters. Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of Eva D. Kellogg.

2. Upon the order (May 12th) proposing to pay the salary of the second year of service to Eva D. Kellogg, as an assistant; that the order ought to pass. Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of Ellen M. Sanders.

3. Upon the order (May 12th) proposing to pay to Miss Ellen M. Sanders the maximum salary; that the order ought to pass. Accepted, and the order passed.

4. The committee submitted the following order, which passed: —

Ordered, That the salary of the Superintendent's clerk, or statistical clerk, be fixed at the rate of $1,500 per annum, from Sept. 1st, 1874. Salary of Statistical clerk.

5. The committee recommended that the salaries of the truant officers remain as at present, until the question be decided wth respect to the matter of a special committee on truant officers. Accepted. Salaries of truant officers.

6. The committee recommended the passage of the following orders, both of which passed: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider and report upon the expediency of creating a new grade of teachers between head-assistants and master's assistants in the mixed schools. New grade of teachers.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider and report upon the expediency of arranging the Grammar Schools on a more uniform system. A more uniform system of Grammar Schools.

Mr. Slade submitted, in print, the report of the Committee on Vocal and Physical Culture, etc., and nominated Moses T. Brown, as teacher of that branch for six months' service; and the nomination was confirmed. Voc. and Phys. Culture; teacher nominated.

Mr. Allen submitted, in print, the report of the Committee on the School for Deaf Mutes. Accepted. School for Deaf Mutes.

Voted, on motion of Mr. Filkins, that, when the Board adjourn, it be for two weeks from this evening. Adjournment.

Voted, on motion of Mr. Brown, to assign to eight o'clock, on the above evening, the consideration of the report of the Committee on Salaries. Report of Com. on Salaries assigned.

Voted, on motion of Mr. Lothrop, to assign to eight and one-half o'clock, on the same evening, the consideration of the report of the Committee on Text-Books. Report of Com. on Text-Books assigned.

Mr. Connor offered the following: —

Ordered, That sewing be authorized in four additional divisions of the Shurtleff School, at a cost not exceeding one hundred dollars per annum.

Referred to the Committee on Sewing.

Adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Nov. 24, 1874.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held, by adjournment, at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the twenty-fourth day of November, 1874, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

Mr. William H. Learnard, jr., in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Badger, Baldwin, Beckley, Bennett, Campbell, Carty, Fallon, Fogg, Hayden, Maguire, Marden, Mason, McDonald, McKendry, Moran, Moseley, Murphy, Norton, O'Kane, Ordway, Quinn, Rankin, Rice, Smalley, Waldock, Washburn, Willard, Williamson, the President of the Board, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

Mr. Daniels stated that the order which he offeredat the last meeting, relative to the fitting up of the vacant building on the corner of Main and Haverhill streets, Charlestown, was amended to read, in the first line, *the City Council*, instead of "the Committee on School-houses" — as appears in the Minutes.

Mr. Reed gave notice that the order which he submitted at the last meeting — relative to an additional usher in the Latin School — he presented in behalf of the Committee on the Latin School.

Miss Josephine Murphy, a Primary teacher, was confirmed in the Lyman School District. Teachers confirmed, etc.

The following teachers were nominated upon probation: —

English High School. — Samuel Harrington, a submaster, commencing Nov. 30th.

Charlestown High School. — Nicolas F. Dracopolis, teacher of French.

Hancock School District. — Mary Bonnie, a Primary teacher, commencing with the present school year.

Lyman School District. — Clara B. George, a Primary teacher, commencing Oct. 5th.

Charlestown-Winthrop School District. — Helen Ramsey, a Primary teacher, commencing Nov. 12th.

Evening Schools.

Evening Schools, Blossom street. — Ella E. Morrill and Mary E. Merrill.

The resignations of the following teachers were presented and accepted: —

Wells School District. — Mary L. Bailey, a Primary teacher, to take effect Nov. 1st.

Charlestown-Winthrop School District. — Georgianna Warren, a Primary teacher.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, offered the following: —

Male assistants in Grammar and High Schools, in place of Females.

Whereas, The regulations of the public schools of the City of Boston do not provide that the head-assistants of the Grammar schools, the head-assistants and the assistants in the Girls' High, the Roxbury and Dorchester High Schools, shall be females; and —

Whereas, It has been the invariable custom of the district and standing committees to nominate females for all these places, —

Ordered, That any district committee, or the standing committee of the Girls' High, the Roxbury or the Dorchester High School may nominate on probation, or for confirmation, a male assistant for any of the places mentioned in the preamble of the order, if, in their judgment, the interest of the school would thereby be promoted; —*provided*, that no greater salary shall be paid to such male incumbent than is paid to females in the same position.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Shattuck, from the Committee on Sewing, reported, recommending the adoption of the following: —

Ordered, That sewing be and hereby is authorized in four additional divisions of the Shurtleff School, at a cost not exceeding one hundred dollars per annum. Sewing in the Shurtleff School.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Slade, from the Committee on Vocal and Physical Culture, etc., reported upon the order referred to the committee (Nov. 10), proposing an additional usher for the Latin School; recommending its adoption. Latin School; additional usher, etc.

Pending discussion upon the order, on motion of Mr. Palmer the Board took up the special assignment for eight o'clock, agreeably to the vote of the last meeting, viz., the consideration of the report of the Committee on Salaries. Report of Committee on Salaries.

The question before the Board was the item in No. 6, of the orders submitted at the meeting of Oct. 20, to wit, that the salary of the general supervisor of Drawing be $3,300. Salaries of Instructors.

Sundry motions were made and rejected, — to pass over matters which would cause discussion; to adopt the schedule of salaries in force the last school year; to reconsider the orders in the report already adopted.

Mr. Brown, as chairman of the committee, accepted the amendment of Mr. Prescott, — that the proposed salary of $3,300 be in full for all the services of the general supervisor of Drawing.

Mr. Filkins renewed his amendment, made Oct. 20th, that the said salary be $1,000.

A lengthy discussion followed, Mr. Filkins being permitted, by vote of the Board, to continue his remarks beyond the allotted time of three minutes. The discussion

was closed by ordering the previous question, — on motion of Mr. Dunning.

On motion of Mr. Filkins, it was voted to take the yeas and nays upon the question.

The yeas and nays were then taken with the following result: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Adams, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 1, Bigelow, Blakemore, Brown, Chaney, Chapin, Connor, Cruft, Curtis, Daniels, Deblois, Dillaway, Dunning, Emery, Finney, Fitzgerald, Flint, Foster, Frost, Gray, Greene, Hall, Hobbs, Hutchins, Kinsley, Kneeland, Leavitt, Lloyd, Lothrop, Means, Merrill, Miles, E. G. Morse, James Morse, Neal, O'Connor, Parker, Perkins, Peterson, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 16, Reed, Reynolds, Seaverns, Slade, Southworth, Thayer, Toland, Tripp, Tucker, Underwood, Wentworth, Williams, Wilson and Wright. — 59.

Nays: Messrs. Beaumont, Chapman, Darling, Dunn, Fennelly, Filkins, Fraser, McDonough, Noble, Porter, of Ward 2, Ricker, Shattuck, Tilden, and Woods. — 14.

Fifty-nine gentlemen voted yea, and fourteen gentlemen voted nay. So the salary proposed by the Committee on Salaries, with the amendment, was adopted.

So much of Order No. 6 as relates to the salaries of the instructors in Drawing and teacher of Drawing in Dorchester was adopted.

The salary proposed for the general supervisor of Music, and teacher of Music in the High Schools, was adopted with the amendment, moved by Mr. Prescott, that "said salary be in full for all his services."

Mr. Palmer moved to strike out of the order the sal-

ary proposed for the Superintendent of Vocal and Physical Culture.

Mr. Neal moved to pass over this matter for the present.

The vote being taken upon this motion, no quorum voted.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 12, arose to a point of order, — that there was not a quorum present. No quorum.

It appeared upon a count that but fifty-one gentlemen were present, and not a quorum.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Underwood, the meeting dissolved.

Attest: BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 8, 1874.

A quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday; the eighth day of December, 1874, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

Absent: Messrs. Allen, of Ward 12, Badger, Bennett, Carty, Chaney, Colman, Fogg, Fraser, Lloyd, Maguire, Mason, McDonald, McDonough, Merrill, Moran, E. G. Morse, Murphy, Neal, O'Connor, Quinn, Rankin, Ricker, Smalley, Stedman, Toland, Underwood, Waldock, Washburn, Willard, Wilson, Woods, Wright, the President of the Board, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

In the absence of His Honor the Mayor, President of the School Committee, the rules were suspended, requiring an election of a president by ballot, — on motion of Mr. Lothrop, — and Mr. William H. Learnard, jr., was unanimously requested to act as president *pro tempore*. President *pro tem.*

The Chair, agreeably to the order passed Nov. 10th, nominated the following as a standing committee to nominate and have in charge the truant officers, viz.: the Mayor, as chairman, and Messrs. Learnard, Hall, Fitzgerald, and Daniels; and the Board confirmed the nomination. Special Committee on Truant Officers.

The Chair stated the business now to be the solution of a doubt, — a quorum not having voted at the last meeting upon the motion of Mr. Neal, to pass over the item in the report of the Committee on Salaries respecting the salary of the Superintendent of Vocal and Physical Culture. The question was then upon the motion of Mr. Neal, which was unanimously rejected. Salary of Supt. of Vocal and Physical Culture.

The question was then taken upon adopting the said salary, and the salary was adopted.

Report of Committee on Salaries.

The salaries proposed by the Committee on Salaries, in Order No. 6, — submitted Oct. 20th, — for the teachers of Sewing, the teachers of Primary Schools, of the School for Deaf Mutes, and the Kindergarten School, were severally adopted.

Salaries of Instructors.

The salaries proposed by the Committee on Salaries, in their report, for the teachers of the schools in Charlestown, are as follows: —

Principal of the High School, $3,500 1st year; present incumbent	$4,000
Master of English department, minimum; present incumbent	2,800
Sub-Master, " " "	2,200
Head-Assistant and second Assistant, each	1,200
Assistants	1,000
Principals of the Grammar Schools, $2,600 first year; subsequently, and to the present incumbents	3,200
Sub-Masters, $2,200 first year; subsequently, and to the present incumbents	2,600
Head-Assistants in Master's room, or teaching the first class	1,200
Other Head-Assistants	850
Assistants, and Primary teachers, first year, $600; second year, $700; subsequently	800
Teacher of French (new position)	600

The salaries proposed were separately considered and were all adopted.

The salaries proposed for the teachers of the schools in West Roxbury are as follows: —

Principal of the High School, minimum	$3,500
Male Assistant	2,200
Assistants	1,000
Principals of Grammar Schools, minimum	2,800
Assistants, and Primary teachers, first year, $600; second year, $700; subsequently	800
Teacher of Music	1,200

Severally adopted.

The salaries proposed for the teachers in the schools in Brighton are as follows: —

Head-Master of the High School	$2,800
Assistants in the High School	1,000
Teacher of the French language	250
Principals of the Grammar Schools	2,800
Assistants, and Primary teachers, first year, $600; second year, $700; subsequently	800

Voted, — on motion of Mr. Norton, and accepted on the part of the Committee on Salaries, — to insert, after the words "Head-Master of the High School," the following: "Head-Assistant in the High School, $1,200."

The proposed salaries were then severally adopted.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Salaries, who were granted further time to consider the matter of the salaries to be paid to head-assistants in the Grammar Schools, submitted a report upon that subject; and moved that the salary of $1,200 be paid to master's head-assistants in cases where the position was occupied last year.

The motion passed.

Mr. Kneeland moved that there be paid to one, and but one, head-assistant teaching the second class in mixed schools, a salary of $1,000.

Mr. Reed moved to amend the motion, to include girls' schools; which Mr. Kneeland accepted.

On motion of Mr. Palmer, the report of the committee pertaining to the salaries of the head-assistants in other than the masters' rooms, was laid upon the table.

Upon motion of Mr. Lothrop, —

Ordered, That James Robinson be appointed an assistant teacher for the present school year, to perform such services and give such instruction in arithmetic and book-keeping as he may be called upon to perform by the superintendent or the chairman of any of our dis- James Robinson.

trict committees; his salary to be the same as for the past year.

Mr. Brown asked and was granted further time for the Committee on Salaries to consider the matter of the salaries to be paid the teachers of French and German in the schools in West Roxbury.

Latin School; additional usher, etc.

The next business in order was the recommendation reported by the Committee on Vocal and Physical Culture, etc., — Nov. 24th, — that the order proposing an additional usher for the Latin School be adopted. The question being taken upon the order, after considerable discussion, the order passed.

Adjournment.

Upon motion of Mr. Filkins, it was voted that when the Board adjourn, it adjourn to Tuesday, Dec. 22d, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M.

Teachers confirmed, etc.

The following teachers were confirmed: —

Comins School District. — Mary E. Crosby, a Primary teacher, commencing Oct. 1st.

Rice School District. — Grace Hooper and Ellen F. Beach, Primary teachers.

Sherwin School District. — Frank A. Morse, submaster, and Sarah E. Gould and Maria D. Faxon, Primary teachers.

Charlestown-Harvard School. — Mary A. Lovering, an assistant.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

Latin School. — Edward M. Hartwell (teacher of gymnastics and natural sciences) and James Dike, ushers, commencing Dec. 8th.

Girls' High School. — Mary E. Oliver, commencing Sept. 20th.

Brimmer School District. — A. D. Chandler, a Primary teacher, commencing with the present school year.

Comins School District. — Isabel Thacher, a Primary teacher, commencing Sept. 15th.

Harris School District. — Almy C. Plummer, an assistant, commencing Nov. 20th; and Cordelia R. Capen, a Primary teacher, commencing Dec. 14th.

Lincoln School. — Charles W. Hoitt, an usher, commencing Dec. 14th.

Minot School. — Sophia W. French, an assistant, commencing Oct. 21st.

Rice School District. — Emma E. Allin, a Primary teacher, commencing Dec. 1st.

Sherwin School District. — Harriet M. Burroughs, a Primary teacher, commencing Nov. 1st.

The resignations of the following teachers were presented and accepted: —

Lincoln School. — Martha B. Dinsmore, an assistant, to take effect Dec. 1st.

Rice School District. — Cynthia M. Beckler, an assistant, to take effect Jan. 1st, and Frances M. Sylvester, a Primary teacher, to take effect Dec. 1st.

Sherwin School District. —Annie E. Macdonald, a Primary teacher, to take effect Oct. 31st.

Lowell School; nomination of Geo. T. Wiggin.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the Board took from the table the motion of Mr. Slade, — Nov. 10th, — to reconsider the vote whereby the nomination of George T. Wiggin, as sub-master in the Lowell School, was rejected.

The question then being upon a reconsideration of said vote, a lengthy discussion ensued.

No quorum.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 12, rose to a point of order, — that there was not a quorum present. Upon a count it appeared that a quorum was not present. Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Seaverns, the Board adjourned.

Attest: BARNARD CAPEN,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 22, 1874.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held, by adjournment, at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the twenty-second day of December, 1874, at half past seven o'clock, P.M. Mr. William H. Learnard, Jr., in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Badger, Beckley, Chapman, Colman, Curtis, Daniels, Deblois, Dunn, Fennelly, Fogg, Frost, Gray, Lloyd, Maguire, Marden, Mason, McKendry, Merrill, Miles, Moran, E. G. Morse, Murphy, O'Connor, O'Kane, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 2, Ricker, Waldock, Willard, Wright, the President of the Board, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The Chair stated that the business before the Board was the question upon a reconsideration of the vote whereby the nomination of George T. Wiggin, as sub-master in the Lowell School, was rejected: — that being the business before the Board at its adjournment Dec. 8th. Lowell School; nomination of George T. Wiggin.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop, the Board voted to take the question at twenty minutes of nine o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Underwood, it was voted to take the yeas and nays upon the question. Yeas and nays ordered.

The question received a lengthy discussion.

The Chair having ruled that the reconsideration would require a majority of the whole Board, Mr. Hobbs appealed from that decision.

The Chair stated the reasons for his decision; and, the question thereon being taken, the Chair was unanimously sustained.

The question upon reconsideration being taken, forty-five gentlemen voted yea, and thirty gentlemen voted nay, as follows: —

Yeas and nays taken.

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, of Ward 14, Baldwin, Beaumont, Bennett, Blakemore, Campbell, Chaney, Chapin, Cilley, Cruft, Darling, Dillaway, Dunning, Emery, Filkins, Finney, Fitzgerald, Foster, Fraser, Hall, Hayden, Lothrop, Hobbs, Hutchins, Kneeland, McDonald, McDonough, Means, James Morse, Neal, Noble, Ordway, Parker, Perkins, Peterson, Seaverns, Slade, Smalley, Tilden, Tripp, Tucker, Washburn ,Wentworth, Williams, and Woods. — 45.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 1, Bigelow, Brown, Carty, Connor, Fallon, Flint, Greene, Kinsley, Leavitt, Mosely, Norton, Palmer, Porter, of Ward 16, Prescott, Quinn, Rankin, Reed, Reynolds, Rice, Shattuck, Stedman, Thayer, Toland, Underwood, Williamson, and Wilson. — 30.

So the motion to reconsider was lost, — a majority of the Board not having voted therefor.

Adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Underwood the Board voted to adjourn, when it should adjourn, to Tuesday, the fifth day of January, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M.

Teachers confirmed, etc.

The following teachers were confirmed: —

Bowditch School District. — Rebecca A. Buckley and Mary J. Tierney.

Comins School District. — H. H. Gould, as sub-master, and Isabel Thacher, a Primary teacher.

Winthrop School District. — E. Vose and M. E. Davis.

Charlestown School District. — Kate E. McGowan, an assistant in the Warren School.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

Girls' High School. — Julia A Jellison, an assistant, commencing Dec. 10th.

Dorchester High School. — Laura F. Hovey, an assistant, commencing January 4, 1875.

Bowditch School District. — Emma M. Saville.

Dudley School District. — Ruth F. Brady and Louette Boynton.

Winthrop School. — Caroline F. Welch and E. M. Underwood, assistants.

The resignations of the following teachers were presented and accepted: —

Dorchester High School. — Annie H. Noble, an assistant, to take effect Dec. 31st.

Bowditch School.— Margaret E. Sheehan, an assistant, to take effect Dec. 1st.

Dudley School. — Louisa W. Emmons, an assistant, to take effect Oct. 1st.

Mr. Ordway offered the following: —

Ordered, That the sum of two hundred dollars be paid to Miss Lucy H. Garlin, for travelling and other expenses incurred as teacher of Music in the City of Boston, being in full to Jan. 1st, 1875.

Miss Garlin, teacher of Music; compensation for expenses.

Referred with full powers to the Committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Ordway: —

Ordered, That all expenses of the Music teachers for horse-hire be discontinued on and after Jan. 1st, 1875.

Teachers of Music; expenses for horse-hire discontinued.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, submitted, agreeably to the rules of the Board, the Annual Report of the Board for the year 1874; and moved its acceptance, which was voted.

Annual Report.

Mr. Hutchins offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on the Annual Report

Annual Report;

edition for general distribution.

for 1874 be instructed to prepare and cause to be printed an edition of the same, with the reports of the committees on the Normal and several High schools, for general distribution among the citizens of Boston, under the direction of said committee; — the copies so printed not to exceed ten thousand in number. Passed.

Mr. Seaverns offered the following orders: —

Amelia H. Smith; salary of.

1. *Ordered*, That Miss H. Amelia Smith be placed on the second year's salary, the increase to commence Aug. 1st, 1874, in consideration of her previous services in the Lincoln School in this city.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mrs. I. Haskins; compensation for services.

2. *Ordered*, That forty-four dollars be paid to Mrs. Isabel Haskins, as temporary teacher in the Lewis School from Nov. 2d to Nov. 30th, 1874, inclusive.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sewing; report of the committee.

Mr. Shattuck, Chairman of the Committee on Sewing, submitted and read a report upon that subject.

The committee say: "In view of these facts, viz., — the favor with which the plan would be received by the great majority of the masters; the readiness of the sewing-teachers, under encouragement from their superiors, to enter upon the work; the entire success of the plan in the only school in which it has been tried; and the great practical value of such instruction, and its necessity in the schools, in view of the incapacity of homes to provide such teaching; — your committee unanimously recommend, —

"1. That Chapter I., Sec. 2, of the Rules and Regulations be amended by inserting the words 'on Sewing' after the words 'on Drawing.'

"2. That Chapter IV. be amended by inserting a new section to read as follows: — 'The Committee on Sewing shall exercise a general supervision in all the schools

where sewing shall be introduced, over that department of instruction; they shall appoint and nominate to the Board for confirmation teachers of sewing in the schools; they shall examine the pupils in this branch; and shall report to the Board in writing at the meetings in March and September.'

"3. That Chapter XIII., Section 12, be struck out, and the following be substituted therefor: — "Instruction in sewing, and the cutting and making of garments, shall be given in all the Grammar schools containing girls, and in all the classes of those schools. The teacher of sewing shall give to each pupil in the fourth, fifth, and sixth classes, two lessons a week, of not less than one hour each, on different days or sessions of the school; and in the other classes one lesson a week of the same length."

On motion of Mr. Shattuck it was voted to refer the report to the Committee on Rules and Regulations and the Committee on Salaries, jointly.

Quarterly Report.

The Chair called for the quarterly reports of the various High School and District Committees, and the Committees on the Schools for Licensed Minors, and Deaf Mutes, and the Kindergarten School.

On motion of Mr. Ordway, the reports were presented by their titles.

Normal School; quarterly report to be printed, etc.

On motion of Mr. Hutchins, it was voted that the report of the Committee on the Normal School be laid upon the table, and that it be printed, and a portion of the same, — being Sect. 8, of the proposed regulations of the Normal School, — be referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Roxbury High School-house; room for laboratory.

Mr. Allen, of Ward 14, offered the following orders: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to fit up the vacant room in the basement of the Roxbury High School building as a laboratory for instruction in Chemistry.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses, with full powers.

Roxbury High School; school sessions.

Ordered, That the Roxbury High School have five school sessions each week, of five hours each, from and after the passage of this order.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Ordway, —

Quarterly Reports.

Voted, That the quarterly reports not received be handed in to the Secretary within one week.

The quarterly reports which had been presented were then accepted.

Mr. Parker offered the following order: —

Mary A. Lovering; maximum salary.

Ordered, That in consideration of Miss Mary A. Lovering, of the Charlestown Harvard School, being a teacher of long experience, the maximum salary of eight hundred dollars be paid to her, to date from Sept. 1st, 1874.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Lothrop offered the following: —

Eng. High School; compensation to Mr. Lincoln.

Ordered, That two hundred dollars be paid to Mr. Lincoln, sub-master of the English High School, for extra services and time spent in preparing for instruction and experiments in Chemistry for the advanced class in said school.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Washburn offered the following order: —

Latin School; room for teaching gymnastics.

Ordered, That the sum of four hundred dollars be appropriated for the hire of a room for the teaching of gymnastics in the Latin School.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Brown offered the following order, and moved a suspension of the rules for its passage. The rules were suspended and the order passed.

Ordered, That the salary of the teacher of German in the Boston Latin School be two hundred dollars for the present school year.

Latin School; salary of teacher of German.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Salaries, — who were allowed further time to consider the matter of the salaries to be paid to the teachers of French and German in the West Roxbury High School, — moved that the subject be taken from the table, which was voted.

West Roxbury High School; salaries of teachers of French and German.

Mr. Brown then offered the following orders, which were adopted.

Ordered, That the salary of the teacher of German in the West Roxbury High School shall be five hundred dollars for the present school year.

Ordered, That the salary of the teacher of French in the West Roxbury High School be five hundred dollars for the present school year.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Salaries,— to whom was referred, Nov. 10th, an order proposing to allow Mrs. Julia M. Burbank the maximum salary of her position, — reported, recommending that the salary of Mrs. Burbank be, from and after Jan. 1, 1875, seven hundred dollars.

Mrs. J. M. Burbank; maximum salary.

The recommendation of the committee was adopted.

Mr. Reynolds submitted sundry reports from the Committee on Rules and Regulations : —

Reports of Com. on Rules and Regulations.

First. Upon certain orders submitted to the Board in the report of the committee of inquiry into the condition and organization of the schools in Wards 17, 19, 20, 21 and 22, — referred to the committee, July 14th.

The committee recommend the passage of the following orders, — being the orders numbered 6, 14 and 15, with some amendments.

1. *Ordered*, That the three male teachers in the Charlestown High School be designated as follows : — the principal as head-master ; the master of the English

Charlestown High School; designation of teachers.

department as master; and the sub-master as sub-master; and that the female teachers consist of one master's assistant, one head-assistant, and as many assistants as may be necessary.

West Roxbury High School; school hours.

2. *Ordered*, That the school hours of the West Roxbury High School be five consecutive hours daily on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, — the hour for commencing to be left to the discretion of the committee on that school.

West Roxbury High School; designation of teachers.

3. *Ordered*, That the teachers of the West Roxbury High School consist of one head-master and one or more assistants, and that the present male assistant be retained with the salary assigned to him by the Board.

Grammar Schools in West Roxbury and Brighton; teachers.

Upon the order numbered 11, proposing that assistants be employed in the Grammar Schools of West Roxbury and Brighton, with the salary of head-assistants, the committee report that at present there seems to be no occasion for the provision of the order.

West Roxbury; sessions of Grammar and Primary Schools.

Upon the order numbered 13, providing that the Grammar and Primary Schools of West Roxbury be allowed to hold two sessions on Wednesdays and no session on Saturdays, the committee recommend that the provisions of said order be not allowed.

Report to be printed.

Upon motion of Mr. Norton it was voted to lay the report upon the table, and that it be printed.

Male assistants in Grammar and High Schools, in place of females.

Second. Upon the order,— Nov. 24th,— to provide that district committees and the committees on the Girls' High, the Roxbury or the Dorchester High School, may nominate a *male assistant* for the places of head-assistant in Grammar Schools, and head-assistants and assistants in the High Schools named.

The committee recommend the adoption of the preamble and order referred to them, — Minutes, page

150; and, the question being taken thereon, the said preamble and order were adopted.

Third. Upon the order, — Nov. 10th, — that the committee consider and report upon the expediency of creating a new grade of teachers between that of head-assistant and master's assistant, in the *mixed schools.* New grade of teachers.

The committee recommend, as a temporary measure, demanded by the present emergency, the adoption of the following order: —

Ordered, That a head-assistant, who gives instruction in the second class of any Grammar School, which has a sufficient number of scholars to warrant the appointment of six teachers besides the master, shall be called first head-assistant, and receive a salary of one thousand dollars.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries, on motion of Mr. Brown.

Fourth. Upon the order, — Nov. 10th, — that the committee consider and report upon the expediency of arranging the Grammar Schools on a more uniform system. A more uniform system of Grammar Schools.

The committee report that, — while they have given much time and care to the consideration of the subject matter of the order, and have heard the testimony of masters and of members of the Board; and have a substantial agreement among themselves, — "it is evident that the Board cannot reasonably be asked at its final meeting to adopt a measure involving so many complicated points," and they recommend that the order be especially referred to the next Board.

The question was taken upon the recommendation of the committee, and the same was adopted.

Mr. Noble moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby Charlest'wn High Sch'l.

the Board refused to increase the salary of the master of the English Department in the Charlestown High School.

Mr. Prescott moved to lay the motion upon the table, which motion passed.

Upon motion of Mr. Hall, —

Rules and Regulations to be printed.

Ordered, That a sufficient number of copies of the Rules of the School Committee and Regulations of the Public Schools be printed for the use of the Board and of the schools.

Mr. Reynolds offered the following: —

Amendments proposed to Rules and Regulations.

Ordered, That in Chapter VI., Section 1, after the words "files of the Board," the following words be introduced: — "he shall attend at the rooms of the School Committee from ten o'clock in the forenoon till one, and in the afternoon from three o'clock till five, on every school day; the summer vacation, the week following the winter term, the Christmas holidays, and every legal holiday excepted:" — and moved its reference to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, with instructions to consult the present Secretary of the Board in regard to the suitableness of the hours named.

Mr. Brown offered an amendment to the order, — to embrace in its provisions Chapters VI. and VII., and to be Section 6 of each chapter, — in the following words: — "he shall have his office open, with an attendant in charge, every day throughout the year, Sundays and legal holidays excepted; the office hours to be from 9 A.M. until 5 P.M., excepting upon Saturdays, when it may be closed at 2 P.M."

Before any question upon the matter was taken, Mr. Darling raised the question as to whether a quorum was present.

Upon a count it was found that but thirty-eight members were present, and not a quorum. No quorum.

Thereupon the Board adjourned.

Attest: BARNARD CAPEN,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 5, 1875.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 5th day of January, 1875, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Learnard in the Chair. Absent.

Absent: Messrs. Badger, Beckley, Bennett, Brown, Coleman, Connor, Deblois, Dunning, Fogg, Greene, Leonard, Lloyd, Maguire, Mason, McDonald, McKendry, Miles, Moran, Moseley, Murphy, O'Connor, O'Kane, Perkins, Plummer, Quinn, Rankin, Shattuck, Southworth, Tripp, Waldock, Wilson, Woods, and the President of the Common Council.

On motion of Mr. Kneeland: — Annual Report of Committee on Text-books.

Voted, to suspend the usual course of proceedings and take up and consider the Annual Report of the Committee on Text-books, — said committee having been authorized to report in print, and this report having been printed and sent to the members of the Board.

The committee submitted for adoption the following orders: — Orders.

1. *Ordered*, That the Committees of the Charlestown schools be authorized to introduce "Prang's Natural History Cards" into such of the Primary Schools in Charlestown as they may select, provided the expense can be defrayed from the Charlestown School Fund; and provided further, that in case they are introduced the committees of the schools in which they are used report to the Text-book Committee next year the extent to which they have been introduced, the manner in which they have been used, and their opinion as to the practical benefit resulting therefrom.

2. *Ordered*, On the recommendation of the Committee on Drawing, that Walter Smith's Teachers' Manual of Freehand Drawing be furnished to the teachers of the Primary Schools.

3. *Ordered*, That Swinton's Language Lessons and Introductory Grammar and Composition be introduced in the Grammar Schools, in place of Kerl's First Lessons in Grammar.

4. *Ordered*, That Cooley's Elements of Natural Philosophy be used in the Grammar Schools, in the place of Steele's Fourteen Weeks.

5. *Ordered*, That Bradbury's Elements of Algebra, and Bradbury's Elements of Geometry and Trigonometry, be used as the text-books in those branches in all the High schools of the city.

6. *Ordered*, On the recommendation of the Girls' High School Committee, that Whitney's German Reader be used in that school in the place of Schlegel's Reader.

7. *Ordered*, That a copy of Our World No. 1, and of Our World No. 2, be furnished the teacher's desk in any room where the pupils pursuing that study are of such grade that the teacher can make good use of it in oral instruction.

8. *Ordered*, That Hudson's "Shakespeare; his Life, Art and Characters," be added to the list of books of reference for the High schools.

9. *Ordered*, That a copy of Philbrick's Union Speaker be furnished the desks of the masters and the sub-masters of the Grammar schools for boys.

The question was taken upon each of the orders.

Order No. 5 was, on motion of Mr. Lothrop, referred to the next Board.

Order No. 7 was rejected.

Orders 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 9 were adopted, — 3, 4, 6, unanimously, — as declared by the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Hutchins: —

Ordered, That all unfinished business at the close of this meeting be referred to the next School Board; including any business in the hands of committees or upon the table.

Unfinished business referred.

On motion of Mr. Prescott: —

Ordered, That the sum of fifty dollars be paid to W. C. F. Tracy for services rendered to the School Board during the past year.

Services of W. C. F. Tracy.

The Chair stated that the regular business before the Board was the matter which the Board was considering when it adjourned, Dec. 22d; — the question of referring to the Committee on Rules and Regulations the order offered by Mr. Reynolds, — to amend Chapter VI., Section 1, of the Rules of the Board, — and the amendment to said order, offered by Mr. Brown.

Amendments proposed to Rules and Regulations referred to the next Board.

On motion of Mr. Reynolds the subject was referred to the next Board.

Mr. Reynolds submitted the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations and the Committee on Salaries, jointly, to whom was referred (Dec. 22d) the report made by the Committee on Sewing.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations and salaries jointly, on the Report of the Committee on Sewing.

The committee recommended the adoption of the first two orders submitted in said report, with slight verbal amendments, as follows: —

1. *Ordered*, That Chapter I., Section 2, of the Rules and Regulations be amended by inserting the words, on Sewing, after the words "on Drawing."

2. *Ordered*, That Chapter IV. be amended by inserting a new section to read as follows: The Committee

on Sewing shall exercise a general supervision over that department of instruction in all the schools where sewing shall be introduced; they shall nominate to the Board for confirmation teachers of sewing in the schools; they shall examine the pupils in this branch; and shall report to the Board at the meetings in March and September.

The committee recommended that the consideration of the third of the orders in said report be in due time entrusted to the committee organized in conformity with these orders; and proposed that it be recommended to the next Board.

Referred to the next Board.

On motion of Mr. Merrill it was voted to refer the whole matter to the next Board.

Teachers confirmed, etc.

The Chair called for any nominations, resignations, etc., of teachers.

Mr. Fitzgerald proposed, for confirmation, as usher in the Quincy School, Mr. H. B. Brown.

Mr. Washburn moved that the subject for the present be laid upon the table, which was voted.

Mr. Lothrop offered the following order, and moved that when the question be taken, it be taken by a rising vote.

Thanks to the President.

Ordered, That the thanks of this Board be presented to His Honor Samuel C. Cobb, for the dignity, courtesy, promptness and impartiality with which he has presided over it during the past year.

The order was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

His Honor the President made a suitable response.

Mr. Lothrop then offered the following order: —

Thanks to Mr. W. H. Learnard, Jr.

Ordered, That the cordial thanks of this Board be presented to Hon. William H. Learnard, Jr., delegate from Ward 10, for the very able, faithful, dignified and impartial manner in which he has presided over this

Board on the frequent occasions on which he has been called to the chair during the past year.

Voted, on motion of Mr. Hutchins, that the question be taken by a rising vote.

The question was accordingly taken, and the order was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Learnard appropriately responded.

Mr. Washburn, with some appropriate remarks, offered the following resolution: —

Resolve complimentary Mr. Ezra Palmer and Mr. S. K. Lothrop.

Resolved, That we hereby desire to place upon the records of this Board, our testimony to the very valuable services which have been rendered to the cause of public education in this city, covering a period of thirty-eight years, by Messrs. Ezra Palmer and Samuel K. Lothrop; and that in parting from them as members of this committee we beg them to accept the assurance of our high esteem, with our best wishes for their health and happiness.

The resolution was passed unanimously by a rising vote.

Mr. Lothrop and Mr. Palmer responded to the resolution in extended remarks.

Quincy School; nomination of H. B. Brown.

Voted, to take from the table the matter of the confirmation of Mr. H. B. Brown, as an usher in the Quincy School.

After considerable discussion upon the subject, it was voted, — the Chair giving the casting vote, — upon motion of Mr. Chaney, to recommit the nomination to the Committee on the Quincy School District, with instructions to investigate the matter.

The following teachers were confirmed: —

Teachers confirmed, etc.

Dearborn School. — Elizabeth E. Stafford, an assistant.

Eliot School District. — Margaret E. Robinson, a Primary teacher.

Lincoln School. — Susan K. Pratt, an assistant.

The following teachers were nominated as serving on probation: —

Bigelow School District. — Katherine H. Cook, commencing Jan. 1st, 1875.

Norcross School. — Sarah A. Gallagher, a head-assistant.

Wells School District. — Mary J. Gargan, a Primary teacher, commencing Nov. 1st, 1874.

Brighton District. — Mary J. Cavanagh, an assistant, in the Brighton-Harvard School.

Evening Schools.

Evening Schools; North Bennet street. — A. J. Collison and Mary E. Parker, commencing Nov. 16th, 1874.

Warrenton street. — Martha Knights.

Old Franklin School-house. — Charles K. Cutter.

The resignations of the following teachers were presented and accepted.

Bigelow School. — Celinda Sever, an assistant, to take effect Jan. 1st, 1875.

Brighton District. — Abby A. Norton, an assistant in the Brighton-Harvard School, to take effect Jan. 4th, 1875.

Charlestown District. — Margaret W. Veazie, an assistant in the Warren School, to take effect Jan. 11th, 1875.

Mr. Ordway offered the following order: —

English High School; "Hour of Singing."

Ordered, That the pupils in the English High School be allowed to purchase, for temporary use only, copies of a singing-book entitled "Hour of Singing."

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Committee on Accounts;

Mr. Merrill, Chairman of the Committee on Accounts requested that the orders referred to the committee, re-

lating to Truant Officers, with the petition pertaining to the same matter, be referred to the standing committee on Truant Officers, for their consideration; and the Board voted to grant the request.

Truant officers, etc.

Mr. Allen, of Ward 1, offered the following order: —

Ordered, That not more than three months' salary shall be paid to any temporary teacher.

Temporary teachers; salary of.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Baldwin offered the following order, and moved a suspension of the rules for its passage. The rules were suspended, and the order passed: —

Ordered, That Miss Mary T. Hale be paid as a temporary teacher, for ten weeks' instruction of the excess of scholars in the Kindergarten School.

Kindergarten School; Miss Hale's services.

On motion of Mr. Reynolds: —

Voted, that the Committee on School-houses and School Sections have full powers in the matter of the order referred to them — Dec. 22d — concerning a room for the teaching of Gymnastics in the Latin School.

Latin School; room for teaching gymnastics.

On motion of Mr. Reynolds, the Board took up the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, made at the last meeting, and ordered to be printed, upon certain orders submitted to the Board by the committee of inqury into the condition and organization of the schools in Wards 17, 19, 20, 21 and 22.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Reynolds proposed to amend the report by substituting for the last two sentences in the paragraph relating to the Brighton Grammar Schools, the following: — "The charge of some of these Primary Schools is entrusted to one Grammar School master, the remainder are under the care of the other master. The committee therefore approve the original order so far as that

order applies to the Brighton schools, and recommend that the Board adopt the order in the form in which it is herewith submitted, to wit: —

Ordered, That in each of the Brighton Grammar Schools a teacher be allowed with the grade and pay of head-assistant, to give instruction in the master's room."

The orders submitted in said report being before the Board, Mr. Reynolds moved to amend Order No. 6, in the last line of the order, so that it should read as follows: — "and as many assistants as shall allow one instructor for every thirty-five pupils."

Adjournment.

Before coming to a vote upon the proposed amendment, Mr. Ordway moved, and the Board voted, to adjourn.

Thereupon the meeting dissolved.

Attest: BARNARD CAPEN,

Secretary.